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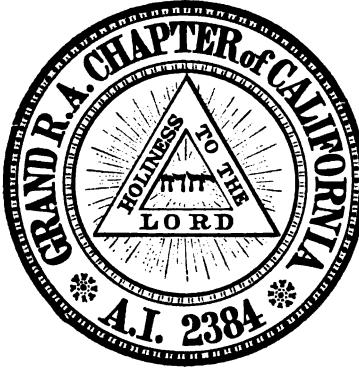
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Grand Chapter of California.

I, THOMAS H. CASWELL, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California, do hereby certify that the following pages contain a true and faithful transcript of the proceedings of that Body, at its Fortieth Annual Convocation, commenced at the City of San Francisco on Tuesday, the seventeenth day of April, A. D. 1894, A. I. 2424, and of the returns of the subordinate Chapters and other matters authorized to be published.

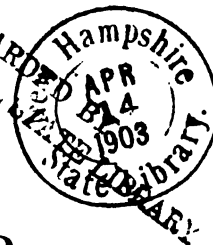


In Testimony Whereof,

I have hereunto appended my official signature, and have affixed the Seal of the Grand Chapter of the State of California, at the City of San Francisco, this twenty-sixth day of April, A. D. 1894, A. I. 2424.

Thos H. Caswell,
Grand Secretary.

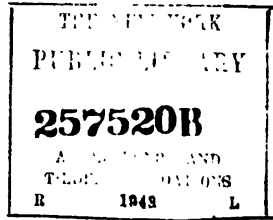
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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
AT ITS
FORTIETH ANNUAL CONVOCATION,
HELD AT THE
Masonic Temple, City of San Francisco;
COMMENCED ON
TUESDAY, APRIL 17, A. D. 1894, A. I. 2424,
AND TERMINATED ON
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, A. D. 1894, A. I. 2424.

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GRAND OFFICERS

OF THE

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

For the year commencing April, A. I. 2424, and ending April, A. I. 2425.

M. E. ELLISON L. CRAWFORD, GRAND HIGH PRIEST, Georgetown;
R. E. ADOLPHUS HEWEL, DEP. GRAND HIGH PRIEST, Modesto;
R. E. THOMAS FLINT, SR., GRAND KING, San Juan;
R. E. WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, GRAND SCRIBE, Oakland;
R. E. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, GRAND TREASURER, San Francisco;
R. E. THOS HUBBARD CASWELL, GRAND SECRETARY, San Francisco;
E. CHARLES E. STONE, GRAND CHAPLAIN, Marysville;
E. THOS. HUBBARD CASWELL, GRAND LECTURER, San Francisco;
E. ELI TUCKER BLACKMER, GRAND CAPT. OF THE HOST, San Diego;
E. FLORIN LESLIE JONES, GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAP'N, Pasadena;
Comp. SAMUEL DAVID MAYER, GRAND ORGANIST, San Francisco;
" JAMES OGLESBY, GRAND GUARD, San Francisco.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

FORTIETH ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California commenced its fortieth Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the City of San Francisco, on Tuesday, the seventeenth day of April, A. D. 1894, A. I. 2424, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Upon calling the roll of members, there were found present the following—

GRAND OFFICERS:

The R. E. ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD, (Presiding) *Deputy Grand High Priest;*
 " R. E. WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE *Grand King;*
 " R. E. THOMAS FLINT, SR., *Grand Scribe;*
 " R. E. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, *Grand Treasurer;*
 " R. E. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, *Grand Secretary;*
 " E. ALFRED THOMAS PERKINS, *Grand Chaplain;*
 " E. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, *Grand Lecturer;*
 " E. WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, *Grand Capt. of the Host;*
 " E. ELI TUCKER BLACKMER, *Grand Royal Arch Captain;*
 Comp. SAMUEL DAVID MAYER, *Grand Organist;*
 " JAMES OGLESBY, *Grand Guard:*

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

The M. E. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, *Past Grand High Priest;*
 " M. E. JACOB HART NEFF, " " " "
 " M. E. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, " " " "
 " M. E. WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS, " " " "
 " M. E. HENRY HAY KNAPP, " " " "
 " M. E. HENRY SAYRE ORME, " " " "
 " M. E. WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, " " " "
 " M. E. EDWARD COLEMAN, " " " "
 " M. E. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE, " " " "
 " M. E. WILLIAM VANDERHURST, " " " "
 " M. E. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, " " " "
 " M. E. WILLIAM BUCKLEY DAVIS, " " " "
 " R. E. STEPHEN WING, *Past Grand King;*

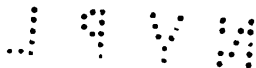
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THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,	Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas ;
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,	Arizona, Illinois and New South Wales ;
WILLIAM MONROE PETEIE,	Colorado and Georgia ;
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,	District of Columbia, Missouri and Virginia ;
EDWARD COLEMAN,	Indiana and Maine ;
WILLIAM VANDERHURST,	Iowa and Mississippi ;
HENRY HAY KNAPP,	Kansas and North Carolina ;
JACOB HART NEFF,	Maryland and Nova Scotia ;
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE,	Nebraska ;
WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS,	New Jersey ;
HENRY SAYRE ORME,	New York ;
WILLIAM BUCKLEY DAVIS,	Quebec ;
ELLISON LARSELL CRAWFORD,	Wisconsin ;

There being more than a sufficient representation present, the Grand Chapter of California was opened in *Ample Form*, with music by the Choir, and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

On Credentials :..... { Comp. Henry Sylvester Morey,
" John McMurry,
" Powell Samuel Lawson.

<i>San Francisco</i> , No. 1,....	{ DAVID CHARLES SMITH, High Priest; THEODORE EDWARD SMITH, WILLIAM HENRY DAVIS, CHARLES JAMES KING,	} Past High Priests.
<i>Sonora</i> ,.....No. 2,....	{ EDUARD KEIL, High Priest and Past High Priest. STEPHEN WING. Past High Priest.	
<i>Sacramento</i> , ...No. 3,....	{ FRANK LYTLE THIRFIELD, High Priest; POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON, WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, WILLIAM BUCKLEY DAVIS,	} Past High Priests.
<i>California</i> ,.....No. 5,....	{ JOHN ALLEN HOMER, High Priest; BENJAMIN FRANKLIN JELLISON, King; HUGH JAMES OWEN, Scribe; WM. THOMAS REYNOLDS, HIRAM THROOP GRAVES, FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, CHARLES LEWIS PATTON, ROBERT ASH, THOMAS KYLE, WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,	} Past High Priests.



<i>Nevada</i> ,.....No. 6,....	{ DAVID EDDY MORGAN, High Priest; THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, IANTHIS JEROME ROLFE, }	Past High Priests.
<i>Shasta</i> ,.....No. 9,....	{ MORRIS MEHON, High Priest and Past High Priest; DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, Past High Priest.	
<i>Sutter</i> ,.....No. 11,....	WM. HENRY GUNSOLUS, High Priest and Past High Priest	
<i>Merced</i> ,.....No. 12,...	ROBERT GRACEY, High Priest and Past High Priest.	
<i>Washington</i> ,...No. 13,...	{ WILLIAM ANDREW LOWERY, High Priest; CHARLES E STONE, Past High Priest.	
<i>Howard</i> ,.....No. 14,....	{ WILLIAM HENRY HAYDOCK, High Priest; WILSON HAYS, Past High Priest; SAMUEL H. WAGENER, P. H. P., & prox. for King & Scribe	
<i>Cyrus</i> ,.....No. 15,....	FREDERICK ELIJAH WADSWORTH, High Priest.	
<i>St. James</i> ,.....No. 16,....	{ HENRY SYLVESTER MOREY, High Priest and P. H. P.; GEORGE HUNTINGTON BURNHAM, Past High Priest.	
<i>Grass Valley</i> ,...No. 18, ...	{ THOMAS J. MITCHELL, High Priest & Past High Priest; EDWARD COLEMAN, JOHN CRISP COLEMAN, }	Past High Priests.
<i>Trinity</i> ,.....No. 19,....	JOHN MCMURRY, High Priest and Past High Priest.	
<i>Franklin</i> ,.....No. 20,....	THOMAS WILSON SERVISS, P. H. P., & pr. for High Priest.	
<i>Sierra</i> ,.....No. 21,....	ELIPHALET LEWIS CASE, High Priest and P. H. P.	
<i>Petaluma</i> ,.....No. 22,....	{ MARCUS DYATHEKA GOSHEN, High Priest and P. H. P.; BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE, Past High Priest.	
<i>Georgetown</i> ,...No. 25,....	{ ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD, High Priest and P. H. P.; CHARLES HILTON LANGLEY, Scribe.	
<i>Della</i> ,.....No. 27,....	JOHN GOULD BISBEE, High Priest and Past High Priest.	
<i>Stockton</i> ,.....No. 28, ...	{ ORRIN STAPLES HENDERSON, King; EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, Past High Priest.	
<i>Manzanita</i> ,...No. 29,....	JOHN STORER MCBRIDE, High Priest & Past High Priest.	
<i>Napa</i> ,.....No. 30,....	{ FREDERICK N GILES, High Priest. HENRY HAY KNAPP, ALBERT MOORE KNAPP, }	Past High Priests.
<i>Martinez</i> ,.....No. 31,	LEWIS CASS WITTENMYER, High Priest and P. H. P.	
<i>Los Angeles</i> ,...No. 33,....	EDWARD ANTHONY PREUSS, High Priest.	
<i>Alturas</i> ,.....No. 34,....	JOSHUA HUTCHINS VARIEL, P. H. P. and prox. for King.	
<i>Naval</i> ,.....No. 35,	SYLVESTER WARFORD, High Priest.	
<i>Oakland</i> ,.....No. 36,....	{ FRANCIS HENRY E. O'DONNELL, High Priest; CHARLES EDWIN GILLET, } WILLIAM FRANK PIEBOE, }	Past High Priests.
<i>Siloam</i> ,.....No. 37, ...	{ JAMES BARROWS HAYFORD, High Priest; JACOB HART NEFF, MORRIS LOBNER, }	Past High Priests.
<i>Sanla Cruz</i> ,...No. 38,....	THOMPSON WILSON DRULLARD, High Priest & P. H. P.	
<i>Donner</i> ,.....No. 39,....	GEORGE WASHINGTON GIFFIN, Representative.	
<i>Red Bluff</i> ,...No. 40,....	ELIAS DELEVAN GARDNER, High Priest and P. H. P.	
<i>Temple</i> ,.....No. 41,....	JAMES WATERS, High Priest and Past High Priest.	

<i>Chico</i> ,.....No. 42,....	{ WILLIAM THOMAS, High Priest; JOHN ROSE ROBINSON, Past High Priest.
<i>Solano</i> ,.....No. 43,.....	JEROME BONAPARTE RICHARDSON, High Priest & P. H. P.
<i>Visalia</i> ,.....No. 44,.....	JOSEPH CLARENCE WARD, P. H. P. and Representative.
<i>Lassen</i> ,.....No. 47,.....	WILLIAM BROCKMAN, High Priest and Past High Priest.
<i>Dixon</i> ,.....No. 48,.....	JOHN WILLIAM McFADYEN, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Ventura</i> ,.....No. 50,.....	JAMES WALKER, High Priest and Past High Priest.
<i>Corinthian</i> ,.....No. 51,.....	{ FRANK ADELBERT CONANT, High Priest; JOHN N HILLER, Past High Priest.
<i>Humboldt</i> ,.....No. 52,	THOMAS B. CUTLER, P. H. P. & prox. for H. P., K. & S.
<i>Ukiah</i> ,.....No. 53,	GEORGE WASHINGTON STOUT, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Keystone</i> ,.....No. 56,.....	{ HENRY A KELLER, High Priest and Past High Priest; THOMAS JONATHAN WILSON, Past High Priest.
<i>Signal</i> ,.....No. 57,.....	{ AUGUST WACKERBARTH, High Priest and P. H. P. HENRY SAYRE ORME, Past High Priest.
<i>Salinas</i> ,.....No. 59,.....	{ JAMES ASHLEY WEBSTER, High Priest and P. H. P. ; WILLIAM VANDERHURST, Past High Priest.
<i>Colusa</i> ,.....No. 60,.....	JOSEPH BAILEY COOKE, High Priest and Past High Priest.
<i>San Diego</i> ,.....No. 61,.....	{ JAMES GODFREY DECATUR, High Priest ; ELI TUCKER BLACKMER, Past High Priest.
<i>San Luis</i> ,.....No. 62,.....	{ GEORGE BRECK STANIFORD, King ; JOHN WEICHER, Scribe, WILLIAM HARRISON SPENCER, Past High Priest.
<i>St. Helena</i> ,.....No. 63,	WILLIAM WHITTINGHAM LYMAN, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Acacia</i> ,.....No. 64,.....	GEORGE HORACE KNIGHT, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Doric</i> ,.....No. 66,.....	{ FRANK WILLIAM BILGER, Scribe ; GEORGE EDWIN KENNEDY, Past High Priest.
<i>Riverside</i> ,.....No. 67,.....	{ GEORGE DIMOCK CUNNINGHAM, King ; KINGSBURY SANBORN, proxy for High Priest and Scribe.
<i>Hollister</i> ,.....No. 68,	{ THOMAS FLINT, JR., { Past High Priests. THOMAS FLINT, SR, }
<i>Trigo</i> ,.....No. 69,.....	JAMES ALFRED WEBSTER, High Priest.
<i>Alameda</i> ,.....No. 70,.....	WILLIAM BAINBRIDGE STOREY, Past High Priest.
<i>Croton</i> ,.....No. 72,.....	{ EUGENE COOK GRIFFITH, High Priest ; FLORIN LESLIE JONES, Past High Priest.
<i>Orange</i> ,.....No. 73,.....	JAMES WILLIAM TOWNER, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Kern Valley</i> ,...No. 75,.....	ALVAH RUSSELL CONKLIN, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Pomona</i> ,.....U. D.,.....	JOHN WASSON, Delegate.

Which report was concurred in, and the companions therein named were admitted to seats.

The reading of the minutes of the last Annual Convocation was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

The Address of the Grand High Priest (who was necessarily absent by reason of serious illness,) was then read by the Deputy Grand High Priest, as follows :

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA :—

Under the fostering care and benign protection of the Great Creator of the Universe, in Whose holy name we are assembled, we are permitted to convene at this, the fortieth, Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California. Before we begin our labors let us each in our hearts offer up our adorations to the ever-living God and thank Him for the blessings and prosperity He has so graciously showered upon our beloved Order, and pray for strength and wisdom to guide the Royal Craft so that it will be entitled to a continuation of His loving kindness.

Let the hand of brotherly love and good fellowship be extended by each to the other, and let us remember that we have left our homes and firesides, and have forsaken the strifes and contentions of daily life for a short period, for the purpose not only of perfecting ourselves individually in the sublime tenets of Masonry, and thereby qualifying ourselves the better to discharge our duty as citizens, but for the more noble purpose of returning to our respective Chapters, and invigorating them with new life, by imparting to them the wisdom and learning of peculiar interest to the Royal Craft, which is the fruit of earnest deliberation and dispassionate consideration of individual and mutual experiences, thereby exerting our best energies for the welfare and prosperity of our ancient and time honored Fraternity. Deliberation and judicious action are the objects of these Convocations. Their functions are legislative, judicial and executive. Let our deliberations be characterized by earnestness, our discussions by candor, and our criticisms by charity and kindness, so that the harmony which now prevails amongst us may be unbroken. You, my Companions, are to enact the law of the Royal Craft of this jurisdiction, to interpret and execute it.

The laws enacted by preceding Grand Chapters are so just, their import so clear, their interpretation so well established, and their administration so fair and equitable, that I am unable to suggest any improvement, and there is little else for you to do than to examine and pass upon the work of your officers.

My official duties have not been burdensome, owing, no doubt, to the harmony prevalent amongst the Royal Craft and the efficiency of the High Priests of the several subordinate Chapters. The past year has been uneventful and consequently there is little to record, indicating that harmony, peace and prosperity are in our midst.

DISPENSATIONS.

Santa Rosa Chapter, No. 45. Dispensation to ballot, on May 16th, 1893, on petition for degrees without reference.

Hanford Chapter, No. 74. Dispensation to elect, on September 28th, 1893, a High Priest to fill vacancy occasioned by resignation of High Priest of said Chapter.

Franklin Chapter, No. 20. Dispensation to elect, January 20th, 1894, officers at other than constitutional time.

Woodland Chapter, No. 46. Dispensation to elect, January 25th, 1894, officers at other than constitutional time.

Georgetown Chapter, No. 25. Dispensation to elect, January 30th, 1894, Treasurer to fill vacancy occasioned by death.

Napa Chapter, No. 30. Dispensation to elect, February 6th, 1894, Treasurer to fill vacancy occasioned by death.

California Chapter, No. 5. Dispensation to elect, February 7th, 1894, High Priest to fill vacancy occasioned by resignation of High Priest elect of said Chapter.

Red Bluff Chapter, No. 40. Dispensation to elect, on February 9th, 1894, officers at other than constitutional time.

In each case good and sufficient reasons were shown why the dispensation should be granted.

DISPENSATION FOR NEW CHAPTER.

Pomona Chapter. February 9th, 1894, I granted a dispensation to form a new Chapter at Pomona, Los Angeles County, to be called *Pomona* Chapter, appointing HERVEY JAMES NICHOLS, High Priest; JAMES ALEXANDER DRIFFILL, King; and WILLIAM THOMAS MARTIN, Scribe. The petition for *Pomona* Chapter was endorsed by the chartered Chapters nearest the place of location, and all constitutional requirements were complied with.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

April 4th, 1894, I refused to approve the amendments to the By-Laws of *Santa Cruz* Chapter, No. 38.

COMMISSIONS.

October 3d, 1893, I issued a commission to *M. E. Comp.* WILLIAM A. BANTZ, as Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Oregon.

November 21st, 1893, I issued a commission to *M. E. Comp.* DRAPER A. LINDSEY, as Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of North Dakota.

February 24th, 1894, I issued a commission to *M. E. Comp.* FRANCIS BURNAND DAVIDSON, as Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, *vice* WILLIAM HARVEY TULLOH, deceased.

Upon assuming the duties of my office, I intended to visit as many of the subordinate Chapters as my time and business would permit; but my health has been such during the past year that much of the time I have been unable to attend to my business affairs, and consequently it has been a physical impossibility for me to make any official visits.

I have refrained from referring in detail to the statistics of the year concerning the Grand Chapter and subordinate Chapters, for the reason that they will be found in the report of the Grand Secretary.

I cannot close without expressing my obligations to *R. E. Comp.* THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL for the valuable assistance he has given me in the execution of my official duties.

In conclusion permit me to express my profound and sincere thanks to the companions of the Grand Chapter for the high honor they have conferred upon me and for the hearty and kind co-operation extended to me in the discharge of my official duties.

May peace, prosperity and harmony attend the Royal Craft in the future as in the past.

CHARLES RAY GRITMAN,

Grand High Priest.

The Address was referred to a special committee of three.

The Deputy Grand High Priest named as such committee—

On Grand High Priest's Address :	}	Comp. William Abraham Davies, " Henry Hay Knapp, " Benjamin Franklin Tuttle.
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The Grand Secretary presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

As per constitutional requirement the undersigned respectfully submits this, his sixteenth Annual Report of the transactions of his office since the last Annual Convocation, together with other matters requiring consideration by the Grand Chapter.

In less than thirty days after the close of the last Annual Convocation, the transactions thereat were printed and the usual number distributed as follows:—one copy to each of the Grand Officers and permanent Past Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter; five copies to the General Grand Secretary; one copy to each of our Representatives near other Grand Chapters; three copies to each Grand Chapter with which we are in communication; and four copies to each of the subordinate Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction.

The charters to *Hanford* Chapter, No. 74, and *Kern Valley* Chapter, No. 75, ordered at the last Annual Convocation, were issued, the Chapters duly constituted and the officers installed by Comp. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, Past Grand High Priest, as follows: *Kern Valley* Chapter on the eleventh day of May and *Hanford* Chapter on the twelfth day of the same month. The letters of authorization of the Grand High Priest, together with the reports of the companion, are herewith submitted.

A dispensation for the formation of one new Chapter was issued by order of the Grand High Priest, viz.:

On the sixteenth day of February, 1894, to Comps. HERVEY JAMES NICHOLS, JAMES ALEXANDER DRIFFILL, WILLIAM THOMAS MARTIN, and eighteen other companions, to form a Chapter at Pomona, Los Angeles County, to be called *Pomona* Chapter. The petition for dispensation and all the papers required by the Constitution, the Record Book, book of By-Laws, and returned dispensation, together with a petition for perpetuation of charter, are herewith submitted for reference to the usual committees.

By order of the Grand High Priest, the following special dispensations have been issued during the year:—

On May sixteenth, 1893, to *Santa Rosa* Chapter, No. 45, to ballot on a petition for the degrees without reference;

On the twenty-eighth day of September, 1893, to *Hanford* Chapter, No. 74, to elect a High Priest, to fill a vacancy occasioned by the resignation and removal from that jurisdiction of that officer;

On the twentieth day of January, 1894, to *Franklin* Chapter, No. 20, to elect officers at a time other than as prescribed in the Constitution;

On the twenty-fifth day of January, 1894, to *Woodland* Chapter, No. 46, for the same purpose;

On the thirtieth day of January, 1894, to *Georgetown* Chapter, No. 25, to elect a Treasurer, to fill a vacancy occasioned by death;

On February sixth, 1894, to *Napa* Chapter, No. 30, to elect a Treasurer to fill a vacancy also caused by death;

On the seventh day of February, 1894, to *California* Chapter, No. 5, to elect a High Priest; the companion elected to that station having resigned before installation;

On February ninth, 1894, to *Red Bluff* Chapter, No. 40, to elect officers at a time other than that fixed by the Constitution; and

On the fourth day of March, 1894, to *Salinas* Chapter, No. 59, permitting the use of two substitutes in the ceremony of exaltation.

Commissions to Representatives near sister Grand Chapters, by order of the Grand High Priest, have been issued, as follows:—

On the third day of October, 1893, to Comp. WILLIAM A. BANTZ, near the Grand Chapter of Oregon, *vice* Comp. THOMAS McF. PATTON, deceased;

On the twenty-first day of November, 1893, to Comp. DRAFER A. LINDSEY, near the Grand Chapter of North Dakota, *vice* Comp. THOMAS J. WILDER, resigned; and

On February 24th, 1894, to Comp. FRANCIS BURNAND DAVIDSON, near the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, *vice* Comp. WILLIAM HERVEY TULLOH, deceased.

Amendments to the By-Laws of the following Chapters—all approved by the Grand High Priest—are herewith submitted for reference to the usual committee, *viz.*:

Reducing fee for degrees—*Solano* Chapter, No. 43.

Increase of monthly dues—*Naval* Chapter, No. 35.

Reducing monthly dues—*Humboldt* Chapter, No. 52, and *Acacia* Chapter No. 64.

Changing time of meeting—*Kern Valley* Chapter, No. 75.

Also are submitted the by-laws, as adopted by *Santa Rosa* Chapter, No. 45, and *Pomona* Chapter, U. D.

The following—collated from the annual reports of subordinate Chapters—shows that Royal Arch Masonry is still fairly prosperous in this Grand Jurisdiction:—

Number exalted during the year,.....	229
“ affiliated, (including petitioners for new Chapter).....	102
“ restored,.....	13
Total increase,.....	343
Number withdrawn,.....	72
“ excluded,.....	25
“ Suspended for non-payment of dues,.....	83
“ Suspended for unmasonic conduct,.....	1
“ Died,.....	82
Total decrease,.....	263
Showing a net increase for the year of.....	80
The total number of affiliated Royal Arch Masons, as per returns, is.....	5,112

The following is a statement of the financial transactions of the Grand Secretary's office for the past year :—

Received from chartered Chapters for dues to February 1st, 1894.....	\$3,816 00
“ “ dues overpaid by <i>Antioch</i> Chapter, No. 65,.....	7 00
“ “ <i>Pomona</i> Chapter—Dispensation fee,.....	75 00
“ “ “ “ Dues to April 1st, 1894,.....	18 00
“ “ “ “ Charter fee,.....	50 00
“ “ seven dispensations to elect officers,.....	35 00
“ “ dispensation to ballot without reference,.....	5 00
“ “ dispensation to use two substitutes,.....	5 00
“ “ nine diplomas,.....	18 00
“ “ sale of thirteen volumes of Proceedings,.....	26 00
“ “ dividends Masonic Hall Association,.....	1,275 00
Making total receipts for the year,.....	\$5,330 00
Amount paid to Grand Treasurer, as per his receipts herewith presented,..	5,330 00
Thirty-six warrants have been drawn upon the Grand Treasurer, amounting in the aggregate to.....	\$5,645 45

In the above amount is included the sum of two thousand dollars, part payment of the generous appropriation of Grand Chapter towards the erection of that grandest of all charities, the “Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home” of California. And the remaining three thousand can be paid as called for, without the least embarrassment, or in any manner lessening the present assets of this Grand Chapter, which we all are so justly proud of, and from which our subordinate Chapters receive material benefit.

In his annual report of last year, the undersigned called attention to the uncertainty, and probable failure, of the “Masonic Temple Association,” to carry into effect its proposed erection of a new Masonic Temple in this city. The fear then expressed has since been realized; and the Association is now in process of disincorporation. The shareholders, or such of them as retained their stock and paid the three assessments levied, will realize from sixty to seventy per cent. on the total amount so paid. The Grand Chapter will therefore receive in the neighborhood of four hundred dollars of the six hundred paid on the stock standing in its name—perhaps more, and perhaps less. This is better even than was at one time expected, and the Grand Chapter should be grateful accordingly.

It is a duty at all times fraught with deep regret to the undersigned, to report the shortcomings of any subordinate Chapter. But the necessity of your Grand Secretary *knowing* all that the law requires shall be reported to him, and the impossibility of a faithful and intelligent discharge of his duty without such knowledge, must be his excuse for reporting the failures in duty of the officers of some of our subordinate Chapters. The neglect of Secretaries to report the election and installation of officers of their respective Chapters—blank forms for which are always forwarded in advance—is not only too common, but wholly inexcusable. If either of the following Chapters have elected and installed officers for the present year, the fact of such election and installation has not been certified to your Grand Secretary; and as a consequence he has had to grope his way in the dark as it were, not knowing to whom to address blanks, or other papers of importance. In some instances, and after much delay, the letters have been returned—in *one* other it was forwarded to some Eastern State; and from there I learned that the party addressed was no longer Secretary. Every High Priest should see to it, that a prompt return is made by his Secretary of each and every proceeding required to

be reported; thereby avoiding delay and needless annoyance to all parties concerned. The Chapters referred to in this connection, and from which no certificates have been received, are the following:—

Benicia Chapter, No. 7, La Fayette Chapter, No. 24, Martinez Chapter, No. 31, Alturas Chapter, No. 34, Santa Cruz Chapter, No. 38, Red Bluff Chapter, No. 40, Visalia Chapter, No. 44, Woodland Chapter, No. 46, Colusa Chapter, No. 60, and Acacia Chapter, No. 64.

With the hope that this *gentle reminder* may result beneficially, the foregoing is

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS H. CASWELL,

Grand Secretary.

Which report was referred to the special committee to which was referred the Address of the Grand High Priest.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

The undersigned respectfully submits the following report of the receipts and disbursements of the Grand Treasurer since the last Annual Convocation:—

FRANKLIN H. DAY, *Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Chapter of California.*

		DR.	
1893.			
April 19.	To balance received from the former Gr. Treasurer,...	\$6,945 02	
June 30.	" dividend on deposits in S. F. Savings Union,.....	\$ 18 87	
July 11.	" cash received from Grand Secretary,...	444 00	
Oct. 6.	" " " " " " " "	434 00	
Dec. 31.	" dividend on deposits in S. F. Savings Union,.....	36 52	
1894.			
Feb. 7.	To cash received from Grand Secretary,...	1,399 25	
" 20.	" " " " " " " "	1,827 50	
Mar. 3.	" " " " " " " "	408 50	
" 24.	" " " " " " " "	316 75	
April 9.	" " " " " " " "	430 00	
" 14.	" " " " " " " "	70 00	
		5,385 39	
			\$12,330 41
1893.			CR.
April 19.	By paid delegates to the Annual Convocation, as per pay roll,	\$1,028 50	
	" Grand Officers,.....	81 10	
	" Finance Committee,.....	71 30	
			\$1,180 90
1894.			
April 17.	By paid Wm. B. Davis, extra allowance for expenses as Grand High Priest, as per voucher No. 1,.....	\$ 40 70	
	" Wm. A. Davies, services as Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, as per voucher No. 2,	200 00	

April 17. By paid Masonic Temple Association, Assessment No. 3 on 100 shares stock, as per voucher No. 3,	\$ 200 00	
" Pacific Surety Co., premiums on bonds of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, as per voucher No. 4,	144 00	
" James Oglesby, salary as Grand Guard, as per voucher No. 5,	25 00	
" Thos. H. Caswell, salary as Grand Secretary, as per vouchers Nos. 6, 12, 17, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 35,	1,800 00	
" Thos. H. Caswell and others, for expenses Gr. Secretary's office, as per vouchers Nos. 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 18, 19, 20, 26, 31, 34,	124 25	
" Samuel D. Mayer, salary as Gr. Organist, voucher No. 8,	25 00	
" Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, account of subscription by Grand Chapter, as per voucher No. 14,	2,000 00	
" S. W. Shaw, portrait of P. G. H. P., Wm. B. Davis, as per voucher No. 15,	76 50	
" Frank Eastman & Co., printing and binding proceedings for 1893, and other matters, as per vouchers Nos. 16 and 36, ..	703 00	
" Thos. H. Caswell, dues to General Grand Chapter for 1893, as per voucher No. 21, ..	50 75	
" John B. McIntyre, binding Vol. 10, Grand Chapter proceedings, as per voucher No. 23,	76 25	
" Masonic Hall Association, rent of Grand Secretary's office, 1 year to January 1, 1894, as per voucher No. 33,	180 00	
Balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer (on deposit in S. F. Savings Union),		\$6,826 35
Total,		5,504 06
		<u>\$12,330 41</u>

The Assets of the Grand Chapter consist of:

Cash on hand, as above,	\$ 5,504 06
1700 shares of Masonic Hall Association stock, at \$20 per share, ..	34,000 00
100 shares Masonic Temple Association stock, on which has been paid,	600 00
Total,	<u>\$40,104 06</u>

All which is respectfully submitted.

FRANKLIN H. DAY, *Grand Treasurer.*

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances.

Comp. THOMAS FLINT, JR., from the Committee on Finances, presented the following report on the books, papers and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Your Committee on Finances, to whom was referred the books, papers and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined and compared the same, find them correct in every particular, and recommend that they be published in the proceedings.

The official bonds of the Grand Treasurer in the sum of \$10,000, and of the Grand Secretary in the sum of \$6,000, were filed with and approved by the M. E. Grand High Priest immediately after the Convocation of 1893, as required by the Constitution of this Grand Chapter.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. FLINT, JR.,
I. J. ROLFE,
WM. MONROE PETRIE, } Committee.
L. C. WITTENMYER,

Which report was concurred in.

The M. E. ALEXANDER GIBSON OLIVER, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Arizona, being announced, was received with the honors due his exalted station, and invited to a seat in the East.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the Committee on Correspondence, presented the following report, the reading of which was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Your Committee on Correspondence submits herewith its Report, being a review of the forty-five Grand Chapters of the American Jurisdiction, with the three Foreign Grand Bodies of Canada, New South Wales and Nova Scotia. Neither England and Wales nor Scotland came to hand.

The following is the list reviewed:—

ALABAMA,	1893	MONTANA,	1893
ARIZONA,	1893	NEBRASKA,	1893
ARKANSAS,	1893	NEVADA,	1893
CANADA,	1893	NEW HAMPSHIRE,	1893
COLORADO,	1893	NEW JERSEY,	1893
CONNECTICUT,	1893	NEW SOUTH WALES,	1894
DELAWARE,	1894	NEW YORK,	1893
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,	1893	NORTH CAROLINA,	1893
FLORIDA,	1893	NORTH DAKOTA,	1893
GEORGIA,	1893	NOVA SCOTIA,	1893
ILLINOIS,	1893	OHIO,	1893
INDIANA,	1893	OREGON,	1893
INDIAN TERRITORY,	1893	PENNSYLVANIA,	1893
IOWA,	1893	QUEBEC,	1893
KANSAS,	1893	RHODE ISLAND,	1893
KENTUCKY,	1893	SOUTH CAROLINA,	1893
LOUISIANA,	1893	SOUTH DAKOTA,	1893
MAINE,	1893	TENNESSEE,	1894
MARYLAND,	1893	TEXAS,	1893
MASSACHUSETTS,	1893	VERMONT,	1893
MICHIGAN,	1893	VIRGINIA,	1893
MINNESOTA,	1893	WASHINGTON,	1893
MISSISSIPPI,	1893	WEST VIRGINIA,	1893
MISSOURI,	1893	WISCONSIN,	1893

ALABAMA.

The Grand Chapter of Alabama held its sixty-seventh Annual Convocation at Montgomery, December 4th, 1893,—the *M. E.* JOHN A. MCKINNON, Grand High Priest, the *R. E.* H. CLAY ARMSTRONG, Grand Secretary. There were present three Past Grand High Priests, the Representatives of thirteen Grand Jurisdictions, and the Representatives of thirty-eight chartered Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, in which he returned thanks to the Giver of all good for past mercies, and extended to all an earnest welcome. He reported the great loss of the jurisdiction in the deaths of Past Grand High Priest JOSEPH H. JOHNSON and Past Deputy Grand High Priest HENRY CLAY WILEY, related their Masonic records, and paid eloquent tribute to their memories. He also referred to the death of the General Grand High Priest HORNOR, and recommended that a mourning page be devoted to the memory of their dead companions.

The reports of all Grand Officers were received, and though no business, but of local interest, was transacted, the reports show Royal Arch Masonry to be fairly prosperous in the jurisdiction.

Comp. H. CLAY ARMSTRONG is Chairman of Committee on Work and seems to have charge of that important interest.

The following resolution reported by the Committee on Jurisprudence would be in the line of correct ruling in California :—

“Resolved, That an applicant for the Chapter Degrees, whose application has been rejected by a Chapter, under this Grand Jurisdiction, must await the expiration of six months before his petition can be again received, unless the objection is withdrawn, and that such subsequent petition must be made at a regular stated Convocation of the Chapter, referred to a committee, and take the same course as the first.”

Comp. PALMER J. PILLANS continues at the head of Correspondence—the right man in the right place.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood was held during the session of the Grand Chapter, the *M. E.* H. CLAY ARMSTRONG, President. Thirteen companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, were introduced, set apart, and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

Comp. PILLANS presented the Report on Correspondence, expressing his regrets that many of his fratres' reports had failed to reach him. He gives a review, nevertheless, of twenty-eight Grand Bodies, in his usual faithful manner. He says it is the evident desire of the Masons of Alabama to establish a Home for the indigent and the orphan, and under the circumstances there is a general feeling in favor of retrenchment even at the sacrifice of old habits and customs, and possibly the serious reduction of the printing bill, which hint induces Comp. PILLANS to condense his report and thus save money for the “Home.” The cause is a noble one Comp. PILLANS, and deserves the united, earnest efforts of all Masons, but when your Grand Chapter, in its reduction of expenses, takes from the organization the greatest source of its power and influence, it cannot possibly aid and assist the desired home. We would rather increase your printing bill by furnishing every companion in Alabama with a copy of your proceedings, and by increased interest in so important an undertaking, find material aid in establishing this great charity.

Comp. PILLANS notes the prosperous condition of our Grand Chapter and although he don't quite like our regulations of dependant membership, he is in thorough sympathy with our general progress.

In reviewing Illinois, he says :—

"Comp. JOHN R. PEARSON, Past Grand High Priest, once more brought forward one of his most excellent Reports on Correspondence. His views on all subjects treated are fearlessly, yet most courteously expressed, neither is he chary in expressing them. We are pleased to find that he was in possession of our proceedings for 1891, and that they receive fair and full notice. Alluding to ourself, he thinks that 'a change has come o'er the spirit of our dream,' which is by no means improbable, for 'the times change, and we are changed in them.' We were young then, and possibly indiscreet, but now age has added to whatever little wisdom nature has endowed us, and we now think less of ourself and more of our companions. The fact is, that there is a very complete lull in all questions on which there is not full agreement among the Grand Chapters. And indeed, where there is only an unimportant difference of opinion, and no disregard of the fundamental principles of Masonry, too much discussion leads to no good result."

Comp. PILLANS gives this kindly notice of Comp. GEO. C. CONNOR, and in the light of recent events we quote it as a slight but deserved tribute to that eminent companion :

"Comp. G. C. CONNOR prepared the Report on Correspondence, in which Alabama does not appear. This, we greatly regret, for though an acute and searching critic, and unsparing as to faults and foibles, yet his work is always most courteously done, and brotherly love shines throughout. We have known him in other correspondence, and have learned to love him for his worth and evident gentleness of character, and his true Masonic love pervading his reports. He is a Past Grand Master, and has visited many European Lodges and traversed the Holy Land. This has made much of what he has written both interesting and instructive.

"He deploras 'the tendency in Masonic Bodies to increase membership by the introduction of new and green material at the expense of the old and seasoned.'"

The M. E. JOHN ALEXANDER MCKINNON was re-elected Grand High Priest; R. E. H. CLAY ARMSTRONG was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Communication will be held in the City of Montgomery, on Monday before the first Tuesday in December, 1894.

ARIZONA.

The Grand Chapter of Arizona held its fourth Annual Convocation in the city of Phoenix, November 15th, 1893,—the M. E. GEORGE JAMES ROSKRUZE, Grand High Priest, the R. E. JOHN MCQUAID ORMSBY, Grand Secretary. There were present the Representatives of eight sister Grand Jurisdictions and the Representatives of the four chartered Chapters of Arizona. The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest appointed the standing committees, and delivered his Annual Address. He welcomed the companions and congratulated them upon the prosperous condition of Capitular Masonry in the jurisdiction. He is thankful to announce that during the past year none of the officers or members of the Grand Chapter, or the subordinates of the jurisdiction, have "crossed the dark river." He, however, reports the loss of many eminent companions of sister Grand Chapters, and adds his "sprig of acacia" in sorrowful recognition of the broken links in the fraternal chain which unites us all as companions and brethren.

The Grand High Priest reported his executive duties for the year and predicted for the Grand Chapter a prosperous and successful future.

The Special Committee on Grand High Priest's Address made a report, of which the following is the closing portion :—

"While we rejoice in the fact that death has not invaded the ranks of our Grand Officers, we deeply deplore the loss of General Grand High Priest JOSEPH PORTS HORNOK, and the other excellent and distinguished companions of our sister jurisdictions, and recommend that memorial pages be set aside in the printed report of our proceedings to evidence our fraternal recognition of the loss Capitular Masonry has sustained.

HARRY B. LIGHTHIZER, *Chairman*."

This report was made to the Grand Chapter on the sixteenth of November, and is recorded on page 149 of the Journal. On page 153 we find a mourning page given to the memory of HARRY B. LIGHTHIZER, who died on the second day of January, 1894, at the city of Phoenix. How the words of our old friend and monitor, ALBERT PIKE, force the remembrance upon us that—

"To the past go more dead faces,
Every year."

As the Chairman of Correspondence for the Grand Chapter of Arizona Comp. LIGHTHIZER had made the acquaintance of the representative men in the Capitular organization of the United States, and was by them regarded as one who had found the work for which he was fitted, and all predicted for him a brilliant future; but, as of old, "Man proposes, but God disposes," and our companion lays down his armor and enrolls himself a soldier in the unnumbered army of the dead.

"Soft and safe to thee, my brother, be thy earthy bed! Bright and glorious be thy rising from it! Fragrant be the cassia sprig that there shall flourish! May the earliest buds of spring unfold their blossoms over your last resting place, and here may the sweetness of the summer's last rose linger longest."

Past Grand High Priest MARTIN W. KALES represents California near the Grand Chapter of Arizona, and is always on hand at roll call.

Comp. Past Grand High Priest FRANKLIN HENRY DAY represents the Grand Chapter of Arizona at our headquarters.

The Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood assembled during the session of the Grand Chapter, the M. E. MARTIN W. KALES, President. Three companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, and otherwise qualified, were elected, admitted, anointed and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

The following note by the Grand Secretary is self-explanatory:—

"It is with the deepest sorrow that we announce the death of Comp. H. B. LIGHTHIZER, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. Very soon after the close of the Grand Chapter, and before the completion of his report, our worthy companion was suddenly called to join the silent majority; hence his report is published in its unfinished condition. Our companion was a pleasing writer and highly esteemed by all who knew him. We shall sadly miss his presence and his valuable services in our Grand Chapter."

Under California our lamented companion had written words of praise of Grand High Priest WILLIAM B. DAVIS, for his "thorough business report;" speaks in complimentary terms of our general legislation and financial condition, and gives merited praise to our old time Frater, ISAAC S. TITUS, who, after a short residence with them, was relieved from his earthly duties by the Supreme Grand Master, and passed to his eternal rest.

For the good words recorded to the credit of this committee we thank the jurisdiction now, and hope to meet Comp. LIGHTHIZER in the sweet by and by.

In justice to our late friend and companion we give his review of Iowa, as he deemed it an answer to undeserved criticisms of former opinions advanced by him:—

"By far the most notable feature of the thirty-ninth Annual, held at Council Bluffs, on November 17th, 1892, is, in our estimation, the Report on Correspondence (95 pages), reviewing forty-five Grand Chapters. It was not our privilege to review Iowa for 1891, but the 'peculiar form and beauty' of the specimens of Comp. EXCANBRACK'S skill found by us while delving in other quarries excited our admiration and led us to class him among the writers thus referred to by COWPER:—

'Whose wit well managed, and whose classic style
Give truth a luster, and make wisdom smile.'

And we accordingly found ourself entertaining a strong desire for a closer acquaintance. Now that our wish is fulfilled, and we are for the first time confronted with

his completed handiwork, we find ourself wholly at loss for terms in which to express our wonder and admiration for his most remarkable production. We have never seen anything like it before, and to say of it that it is 'rich and racy' through out, or that it is a delicious *pot pourri* of wit and wisdom and folly, of which 'Satire's the sauce, high seasoned, hard and rough,' would but illy express our high appreciation of both the writer and his report, without the addition of these lines from Pope:—

" 'He now to sense, now nonsense leaning,
Mars not, but blunders round a meaning;
And he whose fustian's so sublimely bad,
It is not poetry, but prose run mad.'

"But, with becoming humility, we beg to suggest that the caustic nature of some of the companion's witticisms might perhaps serve to point a moral for MONTAIGNE's suggestion that: 'Wit is a dangerous weapon, even to the possessor, if he knows not how to use it discreetly.'

"He, however, gives fairly gentle treatment to Arizona (1891), though he does dismiss Grand High Priest KALKS with the comment: 'Perhaps it was because his parental care was so much invoked that he denominated the Grand Chapter of Arizona—the Baby.'

"Had the companion donned the 'grandfather's magnifiers' employed by him to such good effect in his review of Canada, he would have ascertained that *Flugschlaf*, No. 5, hadn't 'just dropped in,' but was represented in the organization of our Grand Chapter in 1890. He might have, by similar means, been spared the blunder of attributing to our ex-Grand Treasurer COHN the honor due to our ex-Grand Secretary ROSKRUGE, of advancing '\$43.00 to save the reputation of the Grand Chapter in the commercial world.' He is highly pleased with the Order of High Priesthood in our jurisdiction, and says: '*Its high, moral teachings are greatly needed on the cactus plains.*' which sapient remark he emphasizes with a quotation from SAMUEL JOHNSON on the subject of religion, commencing: '*To be of no church is dangerous.*' Rather a significant commentary, as we take it, on the supposed social, intellectual, moral and religious status of the denizens of the 'cactus plains.'

"We would inform our companion that any one of our Arizona towns will bear comparison for intelligence and morality, and will exhibit more and better schools, and more numerous, finer and more costly school buildings, than any Iowa town of similar population.

"But the best of friends must part, and so must we, for the time being, with Comp. EXCAMBRACK, though we do so in the hope that we may meet again under circumstances which will permit of our devoting to him the full space that the superior and extraordinary quality of his work deserves."

Our companion proceeded with his report until he reached Ohio, and while reviewing that jurisdiction he was called from labor to refreshment, and an active, useful life in the service of Masonry was extinguished. Farewell, companion. "Until then," farewell.

We are pleased to note the election of our old California Frater, M. E. ALEXANDER G. OLIVER as Grand High Priest; the R. E. GEORGE JAMES ROSKRUGE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

The Grand Chapter of Arkansas held its forty-fourth Annual Convocation in the City of Little Rock, November 23d, 1893,—the M. E. JASPER M. PINNELL, Grand High Priest, the R. E. JAMES A. HENRY, Grand Secretary. There were present nine Past Grand High Priests, sixteen Grand Representatives of other jurisdictions, and the Representatives of fifty chartered Chapters. The Grand Chapter was opened with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, the most important subject of which appears to be the revision of the Ritual. He recommended its adoption as containing all the excellences of all the various rituals, in addition to those of the General Grand Chapter. The Grand High Priest reported the executive business for the year, stated that he had made but few visitations, having been prevented by circumstances beyond his control. He reported the death roll of their own jurisdiction, and announced the decease of many eminent companions of other States of which he

had received official notice. Gen. THOMAS H. CASWELL is the Representative of Arkansas, near California.

The revised Ritual was adopted; the committee continued with authority to edit, print and promulgate the same under the necessary restrictions.

The Grand Chapter of Arkansas is a capitalist, and made a loan of \$500 for one year, to the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

The State has been divided into four Districts for the purpose of visitation and instruction by the four principal officers of the Grand Chapter.

Mourning pages are published, devoted to the memory of their eminent dead companions.

Comp. REUBEN J. LAUGHLIN was continued as Chairman of Correspondence.

The twenty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Order of High Priesthood was held during the session of the Grand Chapter, M. E. SAMUEL W. WILLIAMS, President. Three companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, were admitted and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

Comp. REUBEN J. LAUGHLIN submitted the Report on Correspondence. He says he "will make a fair report, without the hope of fee or reward," and "may stick pins if we find anybody has set down on us." Don't do it, Comp. LAUGHLIN, life is too short to indulge in recrimination—"be virtuous and you will be happy." Comp. LAUGHLIN gives a review of thirty-eight Grand Jurisdictions in his crispy, condensed style, grows a little at the Grand Secretaries for neglecting business, and concludes that peace and harmony prevails and we may all be happy yet.

Under Alabama, Comp. LAUGHLIN says matters are prosperous. The proceedings are of local interest only. California he finds without especial interest, but compliments the general prosperity.

Under District of Columbia, he remarks: "Comp. SINGLETON says in answer to objections to the Chapter burial service of that jurisdiction, 'We agree with him that the Lodge service is sufficient and cannot be improved; but if others differ from us, why of course they have a right to adopt any other.'"

Under Missouri, Comp. LAUGHLIN expresses surprise at the remarks of M. E. JOHN R. PARSON, Grand High Priest, who says of the Reports on Correspondence:

"It has grown to such large proportions that it completely overshadows the Proceedings proper, and is many times made up largely of mutual compliments among correspondents or the expressions of the personal opinion of the writers, oftentimes not in accord with the sentiments of the jurisdiction."

We remark here, that to any one who has read the valuable reports of Comp. MAYO for the past decade, and in their minds credited a full share of the wonderful prosperity of Capitular Masonry in Missouri to those same reports, the opinion of the Grand High Priest seems unwarranted, and to say the least, ungenerous. However, such is life.

We leave Comp. LAUGHLIN's report, not because we have exhausted its information, but for reason of the completion of our report before its arrival at this Orient. We have, however, in a hasty manner, noticed its outcroppings, and trust it will make better time next year, en route hence.

The M. E. JOHN C. BONE, was elected Grand High Priest, the R. E. JAMES A. HENRY, was re-elected Grand Secretary. Comp. REUBEN J. LAUGHLIN, of Bentonville, is Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

The next, forty-fifth, Annual Convocation, will be held in the City of Little Rock, November 22d, 1894.

CANADA.

The Grand Chapter of Canada held its thirty-fifth Annual Convocation in the city of Ottawa, Friday, July 21st, 1893,—the M. E. JOHN C. HARDING, Grand Z., presiding, the R. E. THOMAS SARGENT being Grand Scribe E.

The Committee on Credentials reported fifty-nine of the eighty-five warranted Chapters represented.

The Grand Z. welcomed the companions, giving thanks to the Most High for the privilege of meeting again to review the history of the past and to consult as to future duties.

The Grand Z. records an alarm made at the outer door of the Grand Chapter calling R. E. Comp. JOHN A. WILLS, Grand Principal Sojourner, to eternal rest. He also pays fraternal tribute to the memory of those illustrious fratres the M. E. Comp. JOSEPH POTTS HORNOR, of Louisiana, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and the M. E. Comp. JOHN H. HUBBS, Grand High Priest of Nevada, and expresses deep sympathy with the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapter of Nevada upon the loss of these eminent and distinguished companions.

Among the decisions reported we note the following as one, the subject of which could not arise with us where duplicate membership is prohibited:

"The first question submitted to me was that of a companion belonging to two Chapters, one Chapter having suspended him for non-payment of dues, and the other Chapter having elected him to an office. I held that the election was illegal, that his dues must be paid to the Chapter which had suspended him, and a new election be held for the office to which he had been elected."

After reporting his visitations to subordinate Chapters and commenting upon the working of the ritual, the Grand Z. reports the condition of Capitular Masonry in the jurisdiction, as follows:—

"I have read the reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts, and think that during the last year a distinct advance has been made in placing the Chapters that were weak and dormant in a better position. During the coming year the Chapters will have the advantage of a more simple and shorter ritual, and it might be worthy of the consideration of this Grand Chapter as to whether Lodges of M. M. M. and M. E. M. should not be established at places other than where the Chapter is situate, for the purpose of conferring subordinate degrees and holding quarterly convocations of the Chapter to confer the Royal Arch. I believe that, if this plan were adopted, many of the weaker Chapters would be content with the Lodges of the subordinate degrees and be quite willing to come up for the Royal Arch at those quarterly or semi-annual convocations of the mother Chapter; of course, all balloting to be done in the Chapter.

"I am, like my predecessor in office, quite satisfied that it would be better for a number of the weak Chapters to amalgamate with the stronger ones in the jurisdiction; however, that is a matter of some difficulty, and must be left in the hands of the companions interested.

FINANCES.

Our financial position is a most healthy one:—

The receipts for the year were.....	\$ 2,728 34
The disbursements were.....	2,152 54
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The credit balance for the year is.....	\$575 80
We have now debentures amounting to.....	17,000 00
And our balance in Bank of Commerce is.....	3,004 10
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Total.....	\$20,004 10

The eighty-seven Chapters of this jurisdiction are divided into districts and placed under inspectors whose titles are Grand Superintendents of Districts. The requirements of the office demand from each Superintendent the visitation and thorough investigation of the affairs of each Chapter in his district and a full report thereon to the Grand Chapter at its Annual Communication. The reports are exhaustive and seem to prove the need of the supervision. These reports are

referred to the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, who thoroughly analyze their condition and submit their conclusions and recommendations to the Grand Chapter. In their present report upon the condition of the Chapters, the committee say :—

“While there has not been that advance that your committee would rejoice to enlarge upon, yet the fire upon our altars burns without indication of waning. The flickerings which occasion a passing doubt are but premonitions of a future rekindling that will doubtless warm into brisk vitality many who are now benumbed by lukewarmness and indifference.”

Thus it will be seen that the system of Grand Superintendents of Districts brings forth good results in the jurisdiction of Canada.

The Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, Comp. HENRY ROBERTSON, presents a very interesting review of forty-four Grand Chapters, including the General Grand Chapter of the United States. California is kindly mentioned, and the Address of the *M. E.* Comp. MYRICK commended for its practical wisdom.

The *M. E.* JOHN E. HARDING was re-elected Grand Z., and the *M. E.* THOMAS SARGENT was re-elected Grand Scribe E.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Hamilton, July 21st, 1894.

COLORADO.

The Grand Chapter of Colorado held its nineteenth Annual Convocation in Denver, September 21st, 1893,—the *M. E.* THOMAS NICHOLL, Grand High Priest, the *R. E.* ED. C. PARMELEE, Grand Secretary. There were present seven Past Grand High Priests, two Past Deputy Grand High Priests, one Past Grand Scribe, twenty-three Grand Representatives, and the representatives of twenty-seven (being every chartered Chapter in the jurisdiction), “making in all twenty-seven and no more.”

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest submitted a brief, practical Address; reported the relations of Colorado with sister jurisdictions to be harmonious; that the circle of Grand Officers remained unbroken by death. He reported his duties for the term as having been extremely light, in a measure due to the financial crisis through which they were passing. He reported his official acts and submitted a list of the illustrious dead of other jurisdictions, with his appointment of a Committee on “Fraternal Dead,” who would report during the session.

The Grand Treasurer reported receipts at \$2,102.50; expenditures, \$2,544.06; total balance in treasury, \$3,456.81.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead made an eloquent and impressive report, from which we quote the following gem :—

“We are painfully reminded by the sad memorials which have been placed in our hands, that other Grand Chapters mourn the loss of Active and Past Grand Officers, who were honored and beloved, not only in their own jurisdictions, but wherever Masonry finds an abiding place. A generation of men who have spent a lifetime in the service of Masonry are rapidly passing from the scenes of human activity. Time is relentless; it kisses the granite and it crumbles, it passes by the flowers and they wither, it touches our lives and they go out.”

“‘Our autumn days of life have come,
The frosts begin to fall;
Beyond the dark, deep river—hark !
We hear our brethren call;
Let kindly thoughts and sympathies
Each heart inspire and fill,
And the memory of the dead friends make
The living dearer still.’”

"*Resolved*, That to the Grand Chapters of Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, Oregon and Quebec we tender our heartfelt and fraternal sympathy for the great and irreparable loss they have sustained in the death of loved and honored companions.

"*Resolved*, That a page in our proceedings be suitably inscribed to the memory of deceased companions in other Grand Jurisdictions.

"Peace, then, to these men's memory; let it grow
Greener with years, and blossom through the flight
Of ages; let the mimic canvas show
Their calm, benevolent features; let the light
Stream on their deeds of love, that shunned the sight
Of all but Heaven; and in the book of fame
The glorious record of their virtues write,
And hold it up to men and bid them claim
A palm like theirs, and catch from them the hallowed flame."

The retiring Grand High Priest was presented with a Past Grand High Priest's jewel.

WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, Past Grand High Priest, represents the Grand Chapter of Colorado near California.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood met in Convention in Denver, September 21st, 1893,—the M. E. LAURENCE N. GREENLEAF, President, the E. ED. C. PARMELEE, Recorder and Treasurer. Eight companions who had been elected High Priests of their respective Chapters, being otherwise qualified, were admitted and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood. Convention closed.

Past Grand High Priest E. L. N. FOSTER, Chairman, presented the Report on Correspondence, an able and painstaking review of the proceedings of forty-seven Grand Bodies.

Under California Comp. FOSTER gives us kindly notice and compliments WM. BUCKLEY DAVIS, our Past Grand High Priest. He quotes liberally from the writer of this report. Thanks for kind words, Comp. FOSTER.

Under Alabama he finds nothing startling in legislation, and concludes that Comp. PILLANS will keep things in order for another year.

Of Arizona Comp. FOSTER says the proceedings were entirely local and need no special comment, but he does admire the ambition and rapid progress of the new sister-in-law, and can't help wishing her success in proportion to her size.

Under Arkansas he makes this quotation from a circular letter of the Grand High Priest:—

"It is my belief that the Arks we use are, all of them, incorrectly inscribed. I have never seen an Ark on which the inscriptions could be deciphered by means of the characters which we use. I have formulated a system, by means of which, upon Arks inscribed in accordance therewith, the inscriptions can be deciphered, not only to read for what we wish to express, but also to be intelligible to the candidate. This, in my judgment, is decidedly preferable to having Arks with either partial inscriptions, or else with inscriptions which express nothing, as is the case with us now. I will gladly communicate the method, privately, to any High Priest, when his Ark shall have been correctly inscribed. Any painter can, with an hour's labor, reinscribe the Arks we have, so as to make them serviceable, and I will, upon application, furnish a diagram for the proper inscriptions."

And then comments:—

"Which calls attention to a matter that should receive attention in many other jurisdictions, for not only are these inscriptions usually undecipherable by the characters we use, but they are frequently found to differ, whereas they ought to be the same in all cases."

Here's room for the appointment of a Grand Interpreter—a perfect knowledge of the dead languages required.

We are in accord with Comp. FOSTER on his proposition advanced in reviewing Georgia, in the matter of affiliation fees. We would place no bar to active membership in Masonic bodies. We would give to Masons, with the necessary qualifications, membership in Lodge, Chapter or Commandery, without price. We believe in dependent membership, and to make that obligation rest as lightly as possible upon the individual Mason, would place no barrier in the way of its observance. Let us in all our bodies require maximum FEES of the profane and minimum *dues* from the Frater.

Under Massachusetts Comp. FOSTER quotes from Comp. SERANUS BOWEN, who, we think, defines correctly the powers and duties of a Chapter under dispensation, and are in accord so far as it applies to us. The Constitution of the Grand Chapter of California, however, requires that the petition for a dispensation shall be accompanied by a certificate of withdrawal of each petitioner from the Chapter of which he was last a member. We quote Comp. BOWEN's definition:—

"A Chapter under dispensation is an inchoate body possessed of no powers except of acting on petitions for the degrees and conferring them. Then, if, after a suitable time has elapsed, the Chapter under dispensation can convince the Grand Chapter that it can and does work correctly, and has the needed paraphernalia, the Grand Chapter may vote to grant a charter, and this, when formally given, makes a Chapter, with right to have a seal and to make members. While under dispensation the companions are still affiliated with their several Chapters, and *when the charter is granted*, all those who were made in other Chapters *must* present their dimita, and those who have received their degrees under dispensation may become charter members, *but all must sign the by-laws* of the new body.

"This is the custom in this region, and the claim that a Masonic body under dispensation, of any kind, has any powers other than those indicated above, was never heard of until quite recently.

"Why grant a charter at all if a dispensation gives all the rights, powers and privileges of a Chapter?"

California does not recognize dual membership.

Under Ohio Comp. FOSTER quotes this progressive reminder from the Address of the Grand High Priest:—

"This stable, venerable and permanent body (for such it may now be truly called), has been witness to seventy-five years of time more eventful than any other entire century in history. It has seen the stage-coach give way to the palace car, the sickle to the self-binder, the flail to the steam thrasher, the omnibus to the cable car and electric motor, the tallow dip to the electric light, the postboy to the magnetic telegraph, and the entire population of the civilized world almost brought within speaking distance of each other.

"While these wondrous strides have been taken in the world of science and civilization, our beloved Order has not stood by as an idle witness of the world's progress, but has kept even pace with the music of the times. From a small handful who organized this Grand Chapter in 1816 (and who have doubtless all gone to their final reward), we have grown in number until we now carry on our rolls more than twelve thousand 'good men and true,' among whom are those that grace and honor every walk and condition of life."

And from Comp. STACKER WILLIAMS this opinion of the practice in Illinois:—

"We think the rule of this Grand Chapter, and the other *four* in America, which agree with it, not a good or just one, and very much prefer the practice of the *thirty-four* and of the General Grand Chapter with reference to substitutes."

We think the use of substitutes a positive blessing; there are so many Royal Arch Masons that need "making over," and the substitute system gives the opportunity. It don't cost anything, and they learn something.

And here's some good, sound advice, as usual, from Comp. JOSIAH H. DRUM.
MOND:—

"We regret to see that a resolution was adopted providing that an officer re-elected or re-appointed need not be installed; besides encouraging *slouchiness* in the business and work of the Chapter, the practice violates the Constitution, which provides for *annual* elections, because such officers hold office under their old election and installation, and *not under their re-election*; the performance is equivalent to voting that the officer hold over another year, and that no election and installation be had."

Under Tennessee he quotes this genuine specimen from our good Comp. GEO. C. CONNOR:—

"Companions of the Guild, Good Morning! If the writing and reading of this Report will increase our affection for the Craft and for each other, then will I have my reward. Many of you I know and love; others I have met on the silent page for the first time, and I admire your spirit and your ability. But I would know you all by the sight of the eye and the touch of the hand, so that I may be the better able to welcome you to the joys beyond the river, where this reviewer must soon arrive. The future has for us little hope of health or life, and the nearer the end the dearer are the friends who are good and true. Yes, companions, the days grow shorter and the beyond grows nearer.

"Earth's hold on us grows slighter,
And the heavy burden lighter,
And the dawn immortal brighter,
Every year!"

Under Texas, we have the unwelcome intelligence of the illness of the longtime spokesman for the Royal Arch Masons of the Lone Star State, Comp. KIDD. He sets forth his condition in the following words:—

"Comparisons—'All men think all men mortal but themselves;' so it is but natural that we should have gone on without taking thought. But 'the best laid schemes o' mice and men gang aft a-glee;' and there comes to most of us a warning that there is a limit. After passing the month of April in bed, and having our physician say, 'Young man, you will have to stop some of your work,' we concluded that our 'limit' was reached. Reluctantly we had to call on the rest of our committee to prepare the Report for this year. Comp. GEORGE LOPAN, of Floresville, cheerfully undertook the work. To you no introduction is necessary. To the members of the Reportorial Corps we present him, and ask at their hands the same cordial consideration they extend to all new comers. Thanking all for the many words of kindness said, and the many words of just criticism unsaid, with the hope that though 'men may come and men may go,' the Reports on Foreign Correspondence may 'go on forever.'"

May the God of our fathers restore you to health and usefulness, Comp. KIDD, and may you abide with us yet many years.

The M. E. HENRY T. WEST was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. ED. C. PARMELEE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next (20th) Annual Convocation will be held at Denver, September 20th, 1894.

CONNECTICUT.

The Grand Chapter of Connecticut held its ninety-fifth Annual Convocation in the city of New Haven, Tuesday, May 9th, 1893,—the M. E. HENRY H. GREEN presiding, and the R. E. JOSEPH K. WHEELER being Grand Secretary. Thirty-eight Chapters were represented.

A handsome steel portrait of the Grand High Priest precedes the attractions to this volume.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, in which, after congratulating the assembled companions upon the favorable auspices under which

they had come together to legislate for the welfare of Capitular Masonry in their jurisdiction, he directed their attention to the vacant seats in the Council Chamber, and in affectionate remembrance of the absent ones made brief mention of their virtues and caused the record of their services to be deposited in the archives of the Grand Chapter.

He also alluded to the unusually large death roll of sister jurisdictions and extended the sympathy of the Grand Chapter to all in their affliction.

The Grand High Priest was prevented from the enjoyable duty of visiting his "constituents" by circumstances over which he had no control.

The following resolution was introduced and disposed of as noted:—

"Comp. JOSEPH S. STOKES submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, to report at the next Annual Convocation:—

"*Resolved*, That the second resolution in Article XIII, Permanent Resolutions, Miscellaneous Regulations, be stricken out, to wit, the following:—

"*Resolved*, That no Royal Arch Mason in this jurisdiction, sixty-five years of age and of twenty-one years' good and regular standing, shall be subject to discipline for non-payment of dues. May, 1878."

Connecticut has 4,862 Royal Arch Masons.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. JOHN H. BARLOW, Chairman.

California proceedings are noticed with approval, and the expressed retirement of Comp. CASWELL from the Reporter's stool sincerely regretted.

In his review of Florida Comp. BARLOW has words of affectionate remembrance for our late companion, Grand Secretary DEWITT C. DAWKINS, who was stricken while on duty during the past year.

In reviewing Georgia he objects to a ruling which seems to conflict with that important requirement "a unanimous ballot." So do we.

In reviewing Massachusetts (Comp. SERANUS BOWEN, Reporter), Comp. BOWEN has said, at the close of an article on this subject:—

"We believe that a brother ought to retain his affiliations all along the line, and experience shows that this end is best attained by making the bodies sufficiently attractive to him to make him wish to do so 'of his own free will and accord.'"

To which Comp. BARLOW responds, much to our mind:—

"We fully agree with him on the importance of making all Masonic bodies as attractive as possible, but there is a class that nothing seems attractive, save the display of the fuss and feathers of the Commandery, or that of having the figure 33 follow their name. Such need to be compelled to sustain the Lodge and Chapter."

So mote it be.

We notice that a Convention of Anointed High Priests, in attendance upon the Grand Chapter, was held on the evening preceding the Annual Convocation, of which the M. E. HENRY H. GREEN was President. At this session nine ex-High Priests received the Order of High Priesthood.

A communication was received from M. E. JAS. H. CHAMBERLAIN, of Tiffin, Ohio, calling attention to the proposed Convention of Presidents to be held at Topeka, Kansas, during the Convocation of the General Grand Chapter in 1894, which was laid over for further consideration at the next session of the Convention in May next.

The M. E. SAMUEL BASSETT was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. JOSEPH K. WHEELER was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Hartford on the second Tuesday in May, 1894.

DELAWARE.

The Grand Chapter of Delaware held its twenty-fifth Annual Convocation in the city of Wilmington, January 18th, 1893,—the *M. E.* FRANCIS L. CARPENTER, Grand High Priest, presiding, and the *R. E.* JAMES H. PRICE being Grand Secretary. Three chartered Chapters and one under dispensation were represented. Seven Past Grand High Priests were present.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. After welcoming his companions to the twenty-fifth Convocation, he alluded to the unusual number recorded on the list of the fraternal dead, and paid sympathetic tribute to their memories.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. V. V. HARRISON. California receives kindly notice, and *M. E.* Comp. MYRICK's views are thoroughly endorsed.

Comp. HARRISON has given us a careful review of the legislative proceedings of forty-four Grand Chapters, and although called to the task at the "eleventh hour," certainly acquitted himself with credit, while honoring the Royal Craft of Delaware.

We observe that the Grand Chapter of Delaware (or the members thereof) held a "High Jinks" or Quarter Centennial Celebration, at the date of the Annual Convocation, of which the proceedings contain a glowing account. There was an address by Past Grand High Priest MYNICH, and an address by *M. E.* EDGAR A. TENNIS, Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania; music by fair ladies; and a banquet fit for a Royal Arch Mason and his best girl, which is good enough for anybody. We observe that our Grand High Priest was invited, but had the bad taste to excuse himself, and all on account of brief distance.

The "Blue Hen's" family having thus reached the fairly safe age of twenty-five years, surviving the measles, mumps and scarlet fever, there is no reason why they shouldn't "go it alone" from this time henceforth.

The *M. E.* GEORGE W. ANDREWS was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* JAMES H. PRICE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chapter of Delaware held its twenty-sixth Annual Convocation in the City of Wilmington, January 17th, 1894,—the *M. E.* GEORGE W. ANDREWS, Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* JAMES H. PRICE, Grand Secretary. There were present eight Past Grand High Priests, twenty-five Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions, a large number of Past Grand Officers, and the Representatives of four chartered Chapters.

At the opening of the Grand Chapter the Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. He gives thanks to the Great Jehovah for his mercies, in preserving them with unbroken ranks, while so many homes have been made desolate by the presence of the grim destroyer.

The Grand High Priest reports the names of eminent companions of sister jurisdictions, now borne upon the death roll, and extends the heartfelt sympathy of Delaware to all those who mourn the loss of brethren and companions.

The Grand High Priest reported his visitations and the discharge of his executive duties, which were of local interest only.

Comp. V. V. HARRISON was continued as Chairman of Correspondence, and he presents this report, it being a review of forty-four Grand Bodies, giving a very full account of their legislation and decisions upon the various questions raised in the subordinate Chapters: for, although there is an acknowledged dearth of new matter for discussion, there is always a disposition to warm over old material for the benefit of new High Priests, and the exercise of their ingenuity in "propounding the law."

Under Arizona, Comp. HARRISON praises the sentiments contained in the address of Grand High Priest ROSKRUZE, and predicts a bright future for our late companion, the lamented LIGHTHIZER. Oh, the uncertainty of human life!

Comp. HARRISON notices the legislation of California, and gives it his decided approval.

In looking through this report, we find much to interest us, but the subjects have been treated in the review of some of the other Grand Bodies, and we must part with our fratres, the descendants of the "Blue Hen," with the admonition to come earlier.

The M. E. GEORGE W. ANDREWS was re-elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. JAMES H. PRICE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The present volume is prefaced with a handsome portrait of the M. E. GEORGE W. ANDREWS, Grand High Priest.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia met in Annual Convocation for 1893 in the city of Washington, December 13th,—the M. E. HARRISON DINGMAN, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. LEWIS G. STEPHENS being Grand Secretary. There were present twelve Past Grand High Priests, two Past Deputy Grand High Priests, one Past Grand King and twenty-six Grand Representatives. The M. E. Past Grand High Priest NOBLE D. LARNER, Representative of California, was present. The ten chartered Chapters of the jurisdiction were fully represented.

After the opening of the Grand Chapter, the M. E. NOBLE D. LARNER presented the Acting General Grand High Priest, M. E. GEO. L. McCAHAN, and M. E. JOHN M. CARTER, Past Grand High Priest of Maryland, and the illustrious companions were cordially welcomed to the Grand Chapter by Grand High Priest DINGMAN.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, in which he extended a cordial welcome to the companions of the Grand Chapter on their assembling again for a review of past acts and for the enactment of such legislation as their condition might demand, but first he entered upon the sorrowful duty of reporting officially to the Grand Chapter the death roll of the year. They had felt the hand of the "great destroyer," although in comparison with other jurisdictions his touch had been of the lightest. Comp. JOSEPH POTTS HORNOR, General Grand High Priest, and Comp. JAMES F. PEARSON, Past Grand High Priest, were named as eminent companions who had "passed the veils" and gone to their rewards. The Grand High Priest paid eloquent tribute to these companions as devoted, earnest, upright and conscientious Masons, and mourning pages devoted to their memories were ordered placed in the proceedings of the year.

The Grand High Priest referred to the Constitution of the new Chapter (*Hiram*, No. 10,) as commencing Capitular life under favorable auspices, and predicting for it a brilliant future.

He recommended the recognition of the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, which had been unintentionally delayed.

The Grand High Priest reported the performance of a pleasant official duty in response to the call of the companions of Delaware, inviting him to assist in the placing of a silver cap stone upon their quarter centennial Capitular column. The work met with his approval, and "good fellowship reigned supreme."

The Grand High Priest reported that the official visitations, required by their law, had been made, and were attended with the best results. He reports also the jurisdiction of the District in a prosperous and progressive condition, fully warranting their confidence in a record of future usefulness.

The Comité on Jurisprudence reported a resolution, which was adopted by the Grand Chapter, recognizing the Grand Chapter of New South Wales as a regular, legal and duly constituted Grand Body of Royal Arch Masons, and that fraternal relations be entered into with said Grand Chapter.

The assets of the Grand Chapter, consisting of cash and bonds, amount to the sum of \$5,507.52.

Comp. WM. R. SINGLETON was continued as Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

A Convention of High Priests for the District of Columbia was held December 30, 1893,—the *M. E.* DAVID G. DIXON, President. Seven companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, being otherwise qualified, were admitted and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood. Convention closed.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. WM. R. SINGLETON, who reviews the proceedings of thirty-nine American Grand Chapters, with Canada, Nova Scotia and Quebec, with his usual ability and in the genuine spirit of fraternal interest.

Comp. SINGLETON's reply to Comp. BOWEN, of Massachusetts, who had said of Comp. S.: "His review of Massachusetts is very short," fully explains why we find so little to write about. He said: "Well, dear companion, the Capitular affairs of Massachusetts have been so admirably conducted, all along the line, for so many years, that established order is the rule, and hence in your transactions we do not find much that is new for the delectation of our companions. This is true generally of nearly all of the old jurisdictions." A neat compliment that. How is it, Comp. BOWEN?

From our standpoint Capitular Masonry is "coming in" with the tide of progressive intelligence. During the years of its development it has been divested of its "rough corners," and stands out to-day a finished specimen of the handiwork of the overseers. Its code of laws revised by the practical experience of the past half century, affirmed by the advanced knowledge of to-day, has become a part of the harmonious system of American Masonic jurisprudence. As a result fewer questions are raised, inviting disputants to advance this or that theory, and we move along over our appointed course at regulated speed, governed by our digest and code of laws, based upon our allegiance to the constituted authority of legitimate Masonry.

California receives favorable notice by Comp. SINGLETON—our Chapters are prosperous, our finances in good condition—and Comp. S. asks: What more could be said that is agreeable to us all? He mentions our old friend, Past Grand High Priest HOLMES, and promises to honor his call at our expense. To which we respond, "Draw at sight, Comp. SINGLETON. We will honor your draft, and may God bless you both."

Under Kentucky we find the following quotation from the report of Comp. STATON:—

"Quite a large space is devoted to a controversy between Comps. SINGLETON and LOVE, of Georgia, on which their knowledge is brought into large requisition. The space and time is all lost on the general reader, for not one in ten thousand know anything about it whatever."

We give Comp. SINGLETON's reply:—

"Hence we were right in bringing the matter to a correct conclusion, after Comp. LOVE had given his authority for what we thought, and have since proven, to be very erroneous.

"Now, so far as 'understanding' is concerned, we venture that any intelligent child in Kentucky, who can read English, can understand the whole subject matter, or else the children of the present generation in that State have greatly deteriorated since we were a schoolboy under the charge of Rev. JOHN J. PIERCE, at

Elkton Academy, in 1835. Every Hebrew word was translated, the texts of Scripture duly given, so that any one could carefully read for himself and see the corresponding passages to prove the position assumed. The plate was given for information as to what the *asheru* was, and not a 'living tree or grove,' as was thought by the majority of Bible readers and students. The information was for the 'ten thousand' who did not know; the one who *did* understand needed no such information. We doubt very much if any of our *unfavorable* critics have really read that controversy from its inception, and those from whom we expected 'better things,' have sneered at us for the great labor and pains bestowed on the exposition. Well, we have only to say, like our R. A. charge, verily, 'We have labored in vain, and spent our strength for naught;' and, like Midshipman Easy, 'We will never do a good-natured thing again.'"

Under Virginia Comp. SINGLETON pays this deserved compliment to the illustrious veteran, Comp. WM. B. ISAACS:—

"The Grand Secretary, who had served the Grand Chapter as Deputy and Grand Secretary for fifty years, had presented to him a 'chair.' We congratulate the companion upon his half century of services, and hope that he may continue for many, many more years to enjoy his honors and '*otium cum dignitate*' in that chair."

Aye, companions, so say we all.

In this dearth of "new and good things," we jump at this under South Dakota:—

"Without consuming your time by arguments or enumerating instances, I will say that it is my unqualified opinion that the interests of Capital Masonry will be promoted by permitting a brother Mason to apply for the Chapter degrees whenever it suits his convenience or inclination to do so. I recommend such change in our rules as will permit this liberty."

So advises the Grand High Priest of South Dakota, and Comp. SINGLETON indulges in this "old fashioned" comment:—

"Well, we did not expect in this year of grace, 1893, to find so ancient a Mason yet alive. We think we are back in the thirties or forties of this century to hear such *old* Masonic doctrine. This recommendation, however, although referred to a committee, did not receive any notice from them or the Grand Chapter.

"The Committee on Jurisprudence *sat down* on the Grand High Priest for granting a dispensation for balloting upon petitions before the expiration of the time required by law, and they believe that the 'practice should not be encouraged.'

"Now, did that committee ever read the 'old regulations,' where such prerogative was given to the Grand Master? Moreover, we think that a worthy Master Mason who petitions a Chapter for advancement in the knowledge of Masonry should not be relegated to the regions of the *profane*. He is a *brother*, and as such should have all the benefits that are due to the fraternity in every particular, and if the Grand High Priest should deem him worthy, shorten his probation as to time when there is a necessity therefor."

The next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter will be held in the city of Washington, December 12, 1894.

The M. E. GEORGE H. WALKER was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. LEWIS G. STEPHENS was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Address of the Chairman of Correspondence, WM. R. SINGLETON, Masonic Temple, Washington, D. C.

FLORIDA.

The Grand Chapter of Florida held its forty-seventh Annual Convocation at the city of Jacksonville, May 9th, 1893,—the M. E. IRVING E. WEBSTER, Grand High Priest, presiding, and the R. E. WM. A. MCLEAN, Grand Secretary.

Eight chartered Chapters were represented. There were present four Past Grand High Priests, and the Representatives of fifteen sister jurisdictions.

After naming the standing committees, the Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. First returning thanks to the Great Ruler for the mercies of the past and acknowledging dependence upon Him for direction of future deliberations, he proceeds to the melancholy duty of paying tribute to the memory of those companions who had "passed up" during the year. To the *M. E. Comp.* DEWITT C. DAWKINS, late Grand Secretary, he gives eloquent praise for the performance of duty as the trusted representative of the Grand Chapter through twenty-three years of service. He well says: "In this heavy loss we do not mourn alone," for the memory of *Comp. DAWKINS* extends to many sister jurisdictions, who have draped their altars in token of their sorrow for the death of so illustrious a companion. The death of *Comp. JOSEPH PORTS HORNOR*, General Grand High Priest, is appropriately announced and his memory honored. The unusual death roll of the year is marked by reference to many of the distinguished dead of sister Grand Chapters, his notice closing with the recommendation to the Grand Chapter to take such action as will express to those Grand Jurisdictions the condolence and sympathy of the Grand Chapter of Florida.

The Grand High Priest was unable to make any official visitations during the year, but reports an increased interest, resulting in a steady growth, betokening the prosperity of Capitular Masonry in Florida.

The *M. E. W. A.* McLEAN was appointed Grand Secretary, to fill vacancy caused by the death of *Comp. DAWKINS*, and he was subsequently elected to that office by the Grand Chapter.

The degrees of Royal and Select Master received the following action at the hands of the Grand Chapter:—

"The committee appointed two years ago on the *status* of Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction, having failed to make a report to the Grand Chapter, and there appearing to be no good reason why this Grand Chapter should investigate or inquire into the matter of Cryptic Masonry, on motion of *Comp. BORD*, the committee was discharged."

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood assembled May 10, 1893,—*M. E. ANGUS PATERSON*, President. Three companion High Priests received the Order of High Priesthood.

After adopting memorial resolutions devoted to the memory of *M. E. Comp. DEWITT C. DAWKINS*, the Grand Council adopted the following Constitution for its government:—

CONSTITUTION.

MEETINGS.

The Annual Convocation shall be held in the city of Jacksonville, immediately after or during the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, and the President may call Special Convocations when, in his judgment, it will be for the best interests of the Order to do so, and may be held at such place as he may designate.

DUTIES AND POWERS.

The President, and in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside, and in their absence any member of the Grand Council may be selected as President *pro tem*.

OFFICERS.

The officers of this Grand Council shall be a President, Vice-President, Chaplain, Secretary, Treasurer, Master of Ceremonies, Conductor, Herald, Steward and Guard, who shall be elected annually.

FEES.

The fee for membership shall be three dollars, and must accompany the application, one dollar of which shall be paid to the Secretary for his services for issuing the certificate.

The Secretary and Guard shall receive for their services such compensation as may be provided by the Grand Council. Provision may be made by the Grand Council for dues and assessments.

MEMBERSHIP.

It is the duty of every High Priest and Past High Priest to be enrolled as members of the Grand Council.

AMENDMENT.

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Grand Council by a majority vote of those present.

There is no Report on Correspondence this year, owing to the death of Comp. DAWKINS, but as Comp. McLEAN has seized the quill with his good right hand, we may expect to hear from Florida next year, as of old.

The M. E. SILAS B. WRIGHT was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. WM. A. McLEAN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held at Jacksonville on the second Tuesday in May, 1894.

GEORGIA.

The Grand Chapter of Georgia held its seventy-first Annual Convocation in the city of Atlanta, April 26th, 1893,—the M. E. JAMES H. TAYLOR, Grand High Priest, presiding, and the R. E. ANDREW M. WOLIHIN being Grand Secretary. Two Past Grand High Priests and twenty-five Grand Representatives were present. Seventy-one Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, a very able and interesting paper, which at once marks its author as a "true descendant of those noble Giblemites who wrought long at the building of the first Temple," and one well qualified to fulfill the duties devolving upon the executive head of Royal Arch Masonry in the jurisdiction of Georgia. After a brilliant opening, with historical references to the glories of the past, he speaks to his companions of the realities of the present day in these glowing and hopeful words:—

"Many of your faces are familiar and have been for many years. Upon you depended the burden of the past, in removing the rubbish that obliterated the precious jewels that shine so brilliantly at the present day in our land; by you the latent virtues of Capitular Masonry have been brought out with radiance and beauty; by your devotion and fidelity our grand old bark glides majestically to-day upon the placid waters of prosperity, and not a wave of discord crosses her pathway.

"Some of you are growing hoary with age; your steps less elastic and sensibilities less acute; but when contemplating the beauties and mysteries of Masonry the sparkle of your eyes shows that the fires on the altars of your hearts are still burning, and that every effort to build up the grand old institution meets your hearty approval. May these younger companions gather new inspiration from your enthusiasm, which will lead them to higher and nobler aspirations.

"But, alas! some seats are vacant, and some faces we have welcomed in days gone by are not here to cheer us with their presence and admonition. The places that knew them here will only know them in memory; their designs are upon the trestle board of life, for our edification; and my hope is that you who have been chosen to fill their vacancies have profited by their admonition, and will be competent to the task."

He pays affectionate remembrance to those companions who have taken up their work for inspection, and bespeaks for them the approval of the "Great Overseer," with the wages of "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

The Grand High Priest announces the mournful information of the death of the General Grand High Priest, Comp. JOSEPH POTTS HORNOR, and at the close of his official announcement adds this personal tribute to his Masonic character:—

“Companions, it was my privilege to frequently meet Comp. HORNOR in the General Grand Chapter, and I can testify to his worth. The loss to the Craft throughout the General Grand Jurisdiction is certainly irreparable. Much of the success of the General Grand Chapter is the result of his untiring zeal and energy; and I would recommend that some action be taken by the Grand Chapter of Georgia relative to honoring the memory of our distinguished General Grand High Priest.”

The decisions rendered by the Grand High Priest, during the recess of the Grand Chapter, are so near what we think they should be that we give them here:—

“I have not been called upon during the past year to make very many decisions, clearly demonstrating the fact that more interest is being taken by officers of subordinate Chapters to familiarize themselves with Masonic law and usages, which, in our jurisdiction, is noted for brevity and simplicity. Among those made, however, are the following:—

“1st. Can a Chapter entertain the petition of an applicant living in another State, though near the Chapter?

“Held, that it cannot, without the consent of the nearest Chapter of the State in which the applicant lives.

“2d. Does a Chapter, in surrendering jurisdiction, surrender the fees?

“Held, that the subject of fees is a matter left entirely with the Chapters concerned in the transaction, but certainly the Chapter giving up jurisdiction gives up all interest in the premises.

“3d. Can any one except a present or Past High Priest confer the Royal Arch degree?

“Held, that, in this jurisdiction, in the absence of the High Priest, the King can perform all the functions of the High Priest, and in the absence of the High Priest and King, the duties devolve upon the Scribe, with full powers to transact any and all business coming before the Chapter.

“4th. What is the least amount that the Royal Arch degree can be conferred for?

“Held, twenty dollars. This question has been repeatedly asked during my administration, and invariably answered. And I again reiterate that the minimum price for the degrees provided by the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter and the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Georgia is twenty dollars, and no Chapter can confer the degrees for a less amount.”

In granting dispensations the Grand High Priest says:—

“I have also granted permission in some few cases to receive and ballot on applications at one and the same time, being satisfied that the cases were meritorious and actual cases of emergency, though very cautious in granting this privilege.”

The Grand High Priest expresses his gratification at the continued prosperity of Capitular Masonry in Georgia. He returns thanks to his associate officers for their faithful attention to duty, and invites the scrutiny of all his companions upon the work of his administration.

A standard Code of By-Laws, with Rules of Order and Order of Business, was adopted by the Grand Chapter for the use of the subordinate Chapters of the State.

The Committee on Memorials made a feeling report, which, after eloquent eulogies by Grand High Priest TAYLOR and Comps. MOBLEY, RAMSAY and LOVE, was adopted by a rising vote and with bowed heads.

M. E. Comp. WM. M. PETRIE, Past Grand High Priest, is the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Georgia near the Grand Chapter of California.

The following recapitulation makes a good showing for Georgia: Number of

Chapters at the close of last Convocation, 75; number of Chapters making returns, 72; number of exaltations, 391; number died, 44; number of Chapters at the close of this Convocation, 80; number of members at last report, 2,747; number of members now on roll, 3,121; net gain in members, 374; net gain in Chapters, 5.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by R. E. and Rev. W. S. RAMSAY. Comp. RAMSAY gives a review of thirty-one Grand Chapters and the General Grand Chapter—the others, California among them, not coming to hand.

In his comments upon the legislative doings of the General Grand Chapter, whose proceedings he had received, Comp. RAMSAY so nearly expresses the opinions we would advance that we find no room for discussion. We would join him in his well deserved praise of the dead BERRY, of Maine, and would not abate one syllable of his admiration for the live DRUMMOND light of the same State, and I guess, Comp. RAMSAY, we both think that while PARVIN lives in Iowa, STACKER WILLIAMS in Ohio, MAYO in Missouri, and Capt. GRANT keeps guard at the "Old Kentucky Home," the great Northwest can't go "much" wrong anyhow.

The Council of High Priests for Georgia assembled in the city of Atlanta, April 26th, M. E. President A. M. LAMBDIN presiding; thirty nine High Priests present. Eight High Priests were elected and received the Order of High Priesthood. The President stated that he had received letters from other jurisdictions relative to the holding of a general Convention at the next meeting of the General Grand Chapter, to arrange preliminaries for the adoption of a uniform ritual. On motion the President was requested to reply to the inquirers, informing sister Councils of the entire willingness of this Council to unite in the general Convention for the object named.

The M. E. JAMES W. TAYLOR was re-elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. ANDREW M. WOLHIN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Georgia will be held in the city of Macon, April 25th, 1894.

ILLINOIS.

The Grand Chapter of Illinois held its forty-fourth Annual Convocation in Chicago, October 26th, 1893,—the M. E. RICHARD T. HIGGINS, Grand High Priest, the E. Comp. GIL W. BARNARD, Grand Secretary. There were present eighteen Past Grand High Priests, the Grand Representatives of forty-two Grand Chapters of other jurisdictions, and the Representatives of one hundred and seventy-five chartered Chapters.

The Grand Chaplain delivered a fervent and appropriate prayer, and the Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

The usual committees were appointed, and the Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. He first returned thanks to the Supreme High Priest for his continued favor, and asked his blessing upon the Convocation assembled.

Under the mournful head of "In Memoriam" he called attention to the inroads made by death during the past year, repeating the old text: "The young may die, the old must die, and the wisest know not how soon." He also noticed the loss of the many eminent companions of sister jurisdictions and paid eloquent tribute to their memories.

No executive duties are reported requiring mention here. The District Deputies, the Grand Officers, and the Grand Instructor made full and interesting reports of the condition of the subordinate Chapters in their respective districts.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers say:—

"We are much pleased that we have no matter of grievance to refer, all such matters having been settled in that fraternal spirit which should always characterize

the members of the Royal Craft. * * * It is particularly gratifying to state that the M. E. Grand High Priest has not been called upon to report any decisions, the law being so well settled and understood that a mere reference thereto was all that was necessary."

The Grand Treasurer reported the receipts for the year at \$9,858.60; expenditures, \$4,758.27; mileage and per diem paid, \$4,522.70; balance cash on hand, \$12,640.81; bonds and securities, \$7,000, total, \$19,640.81.

The Grand Chapter of Illinois is a capitalist.

The following is a recapitulation of the work of the Chapters of Illinois for 1893:—

Active Chapters.....	180
Vacant.....	23
Members 1892.....	14,832
Gain—Exalted.....	1,104
Admitted.....	92
Restored.....	74— 2,270
Total.....	16,102
Loss—Dimitted.....	281
Suspended.....	244
Expelled.....	6
Died.....	183— 714
Total.....	15,388

Past Grand High Priest **GEORGE W. CURTISS**, Representative of the Grand Chapter of California, was present. The Committee on Obituaries made an eloquent report. The sum of \$500 was appropriated for the benefit of the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home.

Past Grand High Priest **LOUIS ZEIGLER**, of Washington, was introduced, received with the usual honors, and made a brilliant response thereto. Past Grand High Priest **C. H. COGSWELL**, of Iowa, was also introduced, received with the honors, and responded.

Comp. **FRANKLIN H. DAY** represents Illinois in the Grand Chapter of California.

The Grand Council of High Priests assembled during the session of the Grand Chapter, Past Grand High Priest **LOYAL L. MUNN**, President. Twenty companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, and being otherwise qualified, were admitted, anointed and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

Past Grand High Priest **JOHN M. PEARSON**, Chairman of Correspondence, presented the report of that committee. Comp. **PEARSON** gives us a review of forty-seven Grand Bodies, and eight of them for two years. Comp. **PEARSON** is an old soldier, bit his first cartridge in the long time ago, and is always "here" at roll call. His report is as good as usual, and that's praise enough for this time. Comp. **PEARSON** speaks kindly of our general legislation, is sorry for our new Masonic Temple investment, and wishes us better luck next time, and gives the writer of this report a complimentary notice. He also says, commenting on the report of our Committee on Jurisprudence on the resolution offered by Comp. **W. H. DAVIS**, that, "We ourselves would go a little further and say that it is the duty of every companion to immediately object to the entrance of a Master Mason, either suspended or expelled, nor can he sit with him in a chartered Chapter."

Under Wisconsin we quote, and endorse at the same time Comp. **BARLOW**, of Connecticut, in this:—

"We know of no way to discipline a companion for not fulfilling his obligation for charity (the one that is represented by dollars and cents), except by the enforcement of Lodge dues, which enables the Lodge or Chapter to respond, without circulating a subscription paper, when an object of real charity presents itself. We still contend that Lodge membership is not all he does or should pay dues for; Lodge dues are necessary, and the mere loss of Lodge membership is no adequate penalty for the willful refusal to pay them."

Comp. RAMSAY, of Georgia, indulges in a prospective view of Comp. PEARSON'S new and elegant quarters in "the Temple," and "Farmer" PEARSON responds:—

"We shall be glad to meet Comp. RAMSAY in that modern Tower of Babel, by the shore of the great lake, and we know he will be made welcome while there by Eminent Comp. BARNARD; but our office, instead of being at 1,901 in said tower, is on the ground floor of our home farm, where, as we sit this morning, the stacks of wheat are in sight and the blades of the ripening corn are whispering in the refreshing breeze. But Comp. RAMSAY would be just as welcome, and we would show him our Jersey cows in the pasture and the Shropshire sheep; and if he belongs to the gentle craft, we would furnish him rod and line, and hope he might hook a three-pound black bass, as the writer did a day or two since, out of his own pond and of his own building. We would give him a slice of Jersey butter, with a little bread beneath it, and wash it down with buttermilk. Won't you come and bring Comp. WILLIAM ABRAM LOVE with you? And when he gets to be Grand High Priest, as we suppose he will next year, will give him a good 'send off' in return."

Under Kentucky we quote the following interesting comments upon the stagnant condition of Capitular Masonry:—

"We regard the above as a very important statement, especially as we know it to be very true of many other jurisdictions. In spite of all the encouraging reports of retiring Grand High Priests, with few exceptions, from Nova Scotia to Washington, by the long circuit of Louisiana and Texas, the story told is one of quiet and indifference. Remedies have been suggested by many of the Grand High Priests, such as qualified officers, perfection in ritual, punctuality in payment of dues, etc., etc. These are all good so far as they go, but, in our opinion, they do not go far enough. It has been recommended to adopt the customs of the modern club, so far as possible, but, outside of our cities, we do not think this practicable, and in cities various clubs exist better adapted to the taste of the various members. Where lies the trouble? We have, we think, said before that, in our mind, our great trouble is that 'we haven't anything to do' except to confer degrees. We lay no corner-stones, dedicate no halls, nor do we bury our dead. We escort nobody, and this morning we have read a decision, approved, by which we cannot appear in procession for anything. We mean by this that we have no public life. The work of charity is almost exclusively done by the symbolic Lodge, and there is very little to be done, distinctly our own, except as stated, to confer degrees. In this practical age, and among an active, practical people, one 'must do something' in order to command respect. What shall be done? What can we do? Why, companions, opportunities lie all around us. It only needs the will to avail ourselves of them. If we do not, somebody else will, and we shall be left to enjoy inglorious ease and die."

Under Ohio Comp. PEARSON opens up a "probable cause" for confusion by quoting a report of the Committee on Jurisprudence upon the levying of a per capita tax for the support of the Masonic Home. The following is the report:—

"Your committee have had under consideration the communications from *Painesville* Chapter, No. 46, *Logan*, No. 75, and *Gilead*, No. 59, with reference to the payment of the per capita tax assessed for the Ohio Masonic Home, which were submitted to the Grand Chapter, and report that the reasons given by said Chapters for non-payment of same are untenable, the question of the right to assess such per capita having been considered and decided affirmatively at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter in 1890. No reasons appearing for the non-payment of the assessment by the other delinquent Chapters, your committee conclude that the failure to pay arises from neglect. They therefore recommend that the Grand High Priest be requested to notify said Chapters to forward the amounts respectively, and in case they or any of them fail to do so within a reasonable time, that he take such steps as may seem proper to him to enforce the authority of the Grand Chapter in this matter."

And Comp. PEARSON comments:—

"And this last report was adopted, 'but the end is not yet.' For many years we have seriously doubted, in our own mind, whether the Grand Chapter was, in any proper sense, a 'charitable body,' and, if not, it has no right to assess its constituents for any charitable purpose. The Constitutions, so far as we have been able to consult them, do not announce any such purpose. The obligation to 'aid and assist' is individual, and cannot be shirked by the individual, nor devolved upon any out-

side organization. Circumstances have seemed to compel the use of these relief committees, but their use is a confession of weakness, and, for ourselves, we would much prefer that all aid should be given under the force of personal obligation and according to ability. There may be Chapters in Ohio whose whole present resources are requisite to preserve their existence, and by what right are they to be *compelled* to do for charity more than they feel able to do? No Grand Chapter or Grand Lodge has a right to judge of the ability of the subordinate to contribute, or even of the individual. The O. B. doesn't read that way. When we add to this the doubt that exists in many minds of the wisdom of any such form of aid, and the general opinion of some of the best students of social economy, it is not strange that Chapters are found who decline to yield their own judgment to that of the Grand Chapter, in a matter which the Grand Chapter has no right to decide.

"The kind and well meaning remarks of the Grand High Priest, quoted above, do not touch the question at all, beyond an attempt to beg it. It is not a question of twenty-five cents per capita, for a designated charity, but the right of the Grand Chapter to say how much and for what we shall be *taxed*. Charity must be voluntary, and ceases to be charity when it is not so. It was not 'thripence a pound on tea' that called the tea-party in Boston harbor, but the principle involved, and so here we maintain that neither Grand Lodge nor Grand Chapter can prescribe for me how much I shall *freely give* for charity, nor to whom I shall give it."

We copy the foregoing as food for thought. The question will arise some time as to the rights of Lodges and Chapters, not only in matters of taxation, but in the right of opinion and its expression. Are any rights reserved to the Masons in their local assemblies? or have they transferred to the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter, with their standing army of Past Grands, the exclusive right to conduct their business? We think it poor policy for any corporation to make its legislation "felt" by its irritation. But we would not for a moment challenge the charitable movement under consideration; let it go on forever.

The M. E. J. W. HUTCHINSON was elected Grand High Priest, and the E. Comp. GIL. W. BARNARD was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next (45th) Annual Convocation will be held at Chicago, October 25, 1894.

INDIANA.

The Grand Chapter of Indiana held its forty-eighth Annual Convocation in the city of Indianapolis, October 18, 1893,—the M. E. ALEXANDER THOMAS, acting Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. WM. H. SMYTHE being Grand Secretary.

This volume of proceedings contains fine portraits of M. E. EDWARD S. ROSS, Grand High Priest, and R. E. LAGRANGE SEVERANCE, Deputy Grand High Priest, who died in office, and also of M. E. ROBERT VAN VALZAH, Past Grand High Priest.

There were present thirteen Past Grand High Priests, one Past Deputy Grand High Priest, twenty-eight Grand Representatives, the Representatives of eighty-one chartered Chapters, and three under dispensation.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Annual Address was delivered by the R. E. ORLANDO W. BROWNBACK, Grand King, and acting Grand High Priest, who said :

"The circumstances under which we have gathered together to-day makes this, our forty-eighth Annual Convocation, one of the most notable, as well as sad, in the annals of our Grand Chapter.

"To-day, for the first time in the nearly half century of our existence, the chair of the Grand High Priest is vacant. To-day, not only is the chair of the Grand High Priest vacant and clothed in the somber elements of mourning, but the chair of the Deputy Grand High Priest is also vacant, and clothed in the same somber elements.

He also announced the death of Past Grand High Priest ROBERT VAN VALZAH, and said of him :—

"At our last annual convocation a communication was received from our late companion, in which he said: 'This is my first break in a service of twenty years, yet I have the courage to feel that I may be restored to health, and live to extend the fraternal clasp of the hand for years to come.' Only a few short hours passed from the time the above was written when there flashed over the wires the sad news: 'Past Grand High Priest VAN VALZAH is dead.' The expressed hope of restoration to health and strength seemed to be a prophetic announcement of his approaching dissolution.

"Comp. ROBERT VAN VALZAH was born at Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania, April 9, 1843, died at Terra Haute, Indiana, October 23, 1892, aged forty-nine years, six months and fourteen days.

"As a presiding officer he had few equals and no superiors; in the face of emergencies he was never at a loss as to what to do; his quickness of mental action and promptness of execution, coupled with a thorough knowledge of parliamentary laws made him an ideal presiding officer.

"Right Excellent LaGrange Severance, Deputy Grand High Priest, was born at Newport, Maine, December 28, 1839; died at Huntington, Indiana, January 26, 1893, aged fifty-three years.

"In the prime of life, when most men are beginning to enjoy the fruit of their labors, this strong man is laid aside. His sunny disposition and genialty of temperament, added to his sound professional knowledge, gained him hosts of friends and patrons."

Of Grand High Priest EDWARD S. ROSS, he says:—

"Companion Ross was initiated in *Hanna Lodge*, No. 61, September 12, 1854; passed to the degree of Fellow Craft October 31st, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason December 5, 1854; was made a Royal Arch Mason in *Wabash Chapter* No. 26, February 8, 1856.

"He was elected High Priest of *Wabash Chapter* in 1863, and served continuously as such for a period of twenty-three years. In 1880 he was elected and served one year as Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, and at the annual convocation, in October last, he was elected *M. E. Grand High Priest*.

"His funeral occurred February 11, and was in charge of *Hanna Lodge*, No. 61, *Wabash Commandery* acting as escort. The Grand Chapter was represented by all its surviving Grand Officers, who acted as pall-bearers, and deposited all that was mortal of our late companion in the silent tomb, with the usual Masonic formalities conducted by Past Grand Master MARTIN H. RICE.

"The surroundings were such that, to me, it was one of the most impressive funeral ceremonies it has been my lot to witness; when all nature was silent; when the earth's surface was clasped with an icy embrace, and covered with a beautiful white mantle of snow; while the wind was sighing its requiem through the leafless branches of the trees; when the lowering clouds seem ready to mingle their tears with the assembled brethren—it seemed a fitting time, at the close of a bleak wintry day, to commit all that was mortal of this friend and brother to the tomb.

"As a man, a Mason, a Christian and a citizen, he was held in high esteem. Honest himself, he was loath to believe anything dishonest in another; simple in his own life and mode of thought, kind and considerate towards all who came in contact with him; a true and faithful brother and companion; a firm friend and wise counselor, ever ready to extend the helping hand to the needy and unfortunate; noble in character; gentle and kind in disposition—having no sympathy with pretenses or shams—fitted to adorn church and society as he did the home, God saw fit to promote him to a yet higher place."

"How fast they fall—those we have known—

As leaves from Autumn branches blown,

So quickly sear;

Yes, one by one they drop away,

As withered leaves they fall, and stray,

And disappear."

Of the eminent dead of other jurisdictions, the Grand High Priest says:—

"Although our cup of sorrow has been so nearly filled with the bitter brew of death, yet let us not forget to mingle our tears with those of sister jurisdictions who have been called upon to mourn the loss of companions, eminent in virtue as well as in official rank.

"In mourning with them we mourn again for those who have gone to the silent beyond, with them we revere the memory of beloved companions who have fought the fight and kept the faith, and have departed hence to receive the reward awaiting the faithful workman."

Eloquent and affectionate tributes were paid to the memory of the "lost leaders" in the Capitular work of Indiana. By Past Grand High Priest THOS. B. LONG, to the memory of Comp. ROBERT VAN VALZAH. Comp. THOMAS R. MARSHALL, to the memory of the R. E. LAGRANGE SEVERANCE, Deputy Grand High Priest. And by Comp ERWIN G. SACKETT, to the memory of M. E. EDWARD S. ROSS, Grand High Priest.

The eulogies were adopted by the Grand Chapter by a unanimous rising vote.

The Committee on Grievance and Appeals made the following report, which will probably send D. B. & Co. out of business in that jurisdiction:—

"ON DISCORD, BICKERING & Co. vs. PEACE AND HARMONY:

"This is a case that has been before this Grand Chapter the past two years—at this time ninety witnesses (Subordinate Chapters) have been introduced—out of this number the plaintiffs submit the evidence of one Chapter, No. 68. This witness has utterly failed to comply with the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Chapter (being afflicted with the "Dry Rot"); on the other hand we have the testimony of eighty-nine live and prosperous Chapters.

"We, your committee, do decide and most cheerfully concur in the concluding remarks of our excellent, acting Grand High Priest, which says: 'There is not a single ripple of discord, nor a discordant speck to mar the sky. There is nothing to indicate the lack of that perfect harmony, peace and good will which has so long prevailed in this jurisdiction.'"

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported as follows:—

"The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the recommendation of the acting Grand High Priest, respectfully report that the committee have duly considered the subject matter referred and now recommend that Section No. 141, of the rules and regulations of this Grand Chapter, be changed to read as follows: viz:

"Rule No. 141. A companion who, for any cause, may have been suspended or expelled by a Lodge of Master Masons and subsequently restored by the Lodge, is thereby restored to membership in his Chapter, and the Secretary upon satisfactory evidence shall so note the fact on the record."

"Which report was concurred in and the amendment to Rule 141, of the General Regulations was adopted by a majority vote of the Grand Chapter.

Past Grand High Priest THOMAS B. LONG, Chairman of Correspondence, presents the report comprising a review of the proceedings of fifty Grand Bodies. His work is an able condensation of the legislation of the Masonic world, pertaining to Capitular Masonry, and a reasonable criticism of proposed new regulations. He is eminently sound on holding fast to that which is proven good before experimenting with unknown quantities.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Council of High Priests of the State of Indiana assembled in Masonic Temple, Indianapolis, October 17th, 1893, the M. E. ALEXANDER THOMAS, President, the M. E. MARTIN H. RICE, Recorder.

The Convention was opened in Ample Form with prayer by the ex-Comp. Grand Chaplain.

After the usual routine business, seventeen companions, who had been elected High Priests of their respective Chapters, were duly elected, introduced and consecrated to the order of High Priesthood.

On motion of Comp. DANIEL McDONALD, the M. E. President, ALEXANDER THOMAS, was appointed and authorized to represent this Council of High Priests

in a convention of the several Councils of High Priests in the United States, to be held at Topeka, Kas., at the time of the next meeting of the General Grand Council.

The following resolutions were adopted, expressive of the sense of the Convention upon the death of the M. E. Comp. EDWARD S. ROSS.

"Resolved, That in the death of Comp. EDWARD S. ROSS, this Council of High Priests has lost a valuable officer and a worthy companion and friend.

"Resolved, That there be set aside a memorial page in our records, on which these resolutions shall be inscribed, thus ever to perpetuate that mystic circle which bound him to us, till the cold hand of death closed his hands upon his breast as a last, long farewell signal."

Having completed the business for which it was assembled, the convention closed.

Under California, Frater Long gives favorable notice to the Address of Grand High Priest DAVIS. He joins us in sympathy for the loss of our dear Fraters and Companions, Past Grand High Priests TITUS and THOMAS. Comp. THOMAS left us for his old home in Tennessee in the early days, and our companionship was in the lapse of time broken and almost forgotten, but Doctor ISAAC S. TITUS and the writer had been associated in Masonry for nearly forty years. Residing in different parts of the State we met but the two or three times a year of the convening of Grand Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery, and, since 1870, of the Scottish Rite bodies. And do you know, Comp. LONG, that a fraternal association of forty years, with a sympathetic frater, begets something as near to the five points of fellowship as we mortals experience in this world.

In speaking of our assets he hopes our 1,700 shares of Masonic Hall stock may be nearer par value than the 100 shares of Masonic Temple stock. Oh! yes, Comp. LONG, par value of Masonic Hall stock is \$10 per share, and it is quoted at and is worth \$20

Under Iowa Comp. LONG quotes from the address of the Grand High Priest, relating to the issuance of special dispensation. He had repeated applications for that convenient make-shift for the purpose of advancing several teams of Master Masons through the Chapter, in order to qualify, Heaven save the mark, the brethren for the mysteries of the Shrine.

Well, this is the very latest reason for the issuance of a special dispensation. Can such things be? The Grand High Priest says:—

"The writer stated that the matter was quite urgent, so much so that if the Chapter did not get them at the time stated they could not get them at all. In reply to my inquiries I was informed that six brothers were very anxious to receive the Chapter and Commandery degrees within a given time, to enable the said brothers to take the Shrine. Probably some, if not all, of these brothers have been Masons for years, with ample opportunities for receiving the degrees, and now for the first time make application therefor. Apparently the only reasons they had for becoming Chapter members was that by this route alone they could reach the Shrine. Had the dispensation been granted and the degrees conferred, what knowledge of Chapter Masonry would these brethren have gained? What impressions received, and how long would they remain members of their Chapter after having been called upon to pay dues? And what, may I ask, would the Chapter conferring the degrees have gained beyond the initiation fee? Companions, this is not as it should be.

Under Maine Comp. LONG quotes the following sound opinion from Comp. J. H. DRUMMOND in reply to Comp. SOUTHGATE of North Carolina:—

"He is inclined to hold that an unaffiliated companion must apply for membership to the nearest Chapter. This is a doctrine recently broached, and seems to us unjust as well as contrary to ancient usage. A Chapter can receive an ap-

plicant or not as it pleases; if he is not congenial they will not take him; we believe the companion has equal rights to select a Chapter congenial to himself and become a member if he is acceptable to its members; a candidate must apply where he is best known—and that is presumed to be the nearest Chapter; that is the only reason for that law, and the reason does not hold in case of an applicant for membership—and as the reason ceases, the law ceases also."

Under Missouri Comp. LONG says of Comp. MAYO:—

"He cannot say too much in praise of the Most Excellent Master's degree. It is unquestionably the most sublime of the series, although the attendance upon it is often the least of all. It should always be conferred in full oriental costume, and the procession should be worthy of the event celebrated, which Companion MAYO elsewhere pronounces 'the grandest that ever occurred in the history of the world.' If conferred in anything like the style its merits demand the spirit of inspiration will readily be caught, and the members will carry the pleasure of the event away with them, and renew it on every occasion of the work. Let more attention be paid by High Priests to this magnificent ceremonial."

Under District of Columbia Comp. LONG quotes a decision which conforms to the law of California, if the decision means "restoration by affiliation," as we presume it does.

"Decisions made at one annual are referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for report at the next. A ruling was reported at the preceding session, and copied in the present writer's Report last year, that the money accompanying a petition for restoration by one suspended for non-payment of dues became the property of the Chapter as the payment of an existing debt, and should not be returned to the petitioner after an unfavorable ballot, as is the case as to the fee accompanying a petition for the degrees. This year the committee endorsed and the Grand Chapter approved the decision."

Under Florida we quote the biographical sketch of our eminent Florida Chairman of Correspondence, DR WITT C. DAWKINS:—

"He was Grand Master of Masons in Florida during the years 1860, 1861, 1862, 1866 and 1868, and served as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge from 1869 to the time of his death, a period of twenty-four years. He had also passed through the chairs of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons until he became Grand High Priest, [1869 to 1871] after which he was elected Grand Secretary of that body and served as such, also, till the end of his life. In the latter organization, as well as in the Grand Lodge, he was Chairman of Correspondence for many years, and made his mark in the Guild of Reporters as a learned Mason and a vigorous writer. Though a man of strong will and positive opinions, yet it was said of him that 'his amiability could be exceeded only by that of a lovely woman.' He reached the age of sixty-three years, and was buried at his home by the Grand Lodge in special communication."

Under Kansas Comp. LONG quotes from the last message of our beloved Frater JOHN H. BROWN, and adds a few words in eulogy of that faithful workman:—

"We here close this report, and confess we are glad it is done, for with weary brain and tired fingers we have gone through with the work."

"Alas! in less than a month after this report was submitted, our beloved Brother, Companion and Frater fell asleep in the evening of life to awaken in the morning of immortality. He died at his home in Kansas city, Kansas, on the 12th of March, 1893. He was Grand Master of Masons for three successive terms, from 1868 to 1870, inclusive; Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter since February 15, 1880; and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery since May 2, 1887. He attained to the Thirty-Third Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and was an honorary member of the Supreme Council of the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America."

The M. E. ORLANDO W. BROWNEBACK was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. WILLIAM H. SMYTHE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next (forty-ninth) Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Indianapolis, October 17, 1894.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

The Grand Chapter of Indian Territory held its fourth Annual Convocation at Ardmore, Chickasaw Nation, February 9th, 1893,—the *M. E.* DE FOREST D. LEACH, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* JOSEPH SAMUEL MURROW being Grand Secretary. Six chartered Chapters were represented. Three Past Grand High Priests and ten Grand Representatives were present.

After appointing the regular committees the Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, returning devout acknowledgment and sincere thanks for the high privilege of again meeting in Annual Convocation. He says that while the Angel of Death has spared their immediate jurisdiction, they yet mourn the loss of a dear companion, friend and neighbor, *M. E.* GEORGE L. KIMBALL, Past Grand High Priest of Arkansas.

The finances of the Grand Chapter seem to be in good condition, there being a cash balance in the treasury of \$402.41.

The time of meeting in Annual Convocation has been changed from the month of February to the month of August.

The Committee on Law and Usage had under consideration the case of one Doctor DE WITT, who had falsely represented himself as a Royal Arch Mason claiming to hold a dimit from a legal Chapter, and became one of the signers of a petition for a dispensation for the organization of a new Chapter. After taking the test oath he was accepted as a member of the proposed Chapter. He subsequently failed to produce, as he had promised, his dimit, and upon a full investigation the committee decided that he was an impostor, having never regularly received the degrees of the Chapter, which fact was afterwards acknowledged by him in a letter to the Grand High Priest.

The committee recommend that official notice be given to all Chapters that the said DE WITT is an impostor, and not entitled to any recognition or countenance as a Mason. Let his infamy be published.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Past Grand High Priest Comp. ROBERT W. HILL, in which he briefly reviews the proceedings of forty-six Grand Chapters. California is noticed, and the retirement of Comp. CASWELL mentioned with expressions of regret.

M. E. WALTER NOEL EVANS was elected Grand High Priest, and *R. E.* JOSEPH S. MURROW was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Pursuant to a change in time of meeting, made at the session in February last, the Grand Chapter of Indian Territory held its fifth regular Convocation at McAlester, August 10th, 1893,—the *M. E.* WALTER NOEL EVANS, Grand High Priest, the *R. E.* JOSEPH SAMUEL MURROW, Grand Secretary. There were present three Past Grand High Priests, nine Past High Priests, seven Grand Representatives, and the Representatives of six chartered Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, the usual committees appointed, and the Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address.

After welcoming the companions he made a brief statement of the condition of the jurisdiction. He commenced:—

“On February 15, 1890, twelve Royal Arch Masons, the representatives of four Chapters, met in the Masonic Hall in the town of McAlester and instituted the Grand Chapter of Indian Territory. At that time I had grave doubts as to the advisability of that course, and as to the success of the Grand Chapter when formed. We have, however, been able to meet, promptly, all liabilities, and its success is now assured. From that small start our little Grand Chapter has, I am

happy to say, gone on steadily increasing, receiving a hearty welcome and a prompt recognition from nearly all the Grand Chapters of the world, until now at this, the fifth Regular Convocation, we have eight chartered Chapters and five under dispensation, which will probably be chartered to-day, making in all thirteen Chapters, which, I am glad to say, are nearly all in a fairly prosperous condition."

The Grand High Priest has issued dispensations for the formation of three new Chapters, at Ardmore, Kingfisher and Purcell.

No business of importance had been transacted since the last Convocation held in February.

Charters were granted the three Chapters under dispensation, although from the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations they would hardly seem to deserve it. We quote:—

"The following report on charters and dispensations was read by the chairman and discussed by himself and others in a fraternal spirit. The errors the companions had made in the U. D. Chapters were kindly pointed out for their good and the good of others. The report was adopted.

"To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Indian Territory:—

"Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the dispensations and records of Ardmore Chapter, U. D., Kingfisher Chapter, U. D., and Purcell Chapter, U. D., beg leave to report as follows:—

"That we find the records of Purcell Chapter in proper shape, the work of the companions well done, and recommend that a charter be granted to the companions named in the dispensation, together with those since added to the Chapter, under the name of Purcell Chapter, No. 10.

"We find that the records of Ardmore and Kingfisher Chapters, U. D., have been well kept, but that there are some irregularities which need correction. We find:—

"First—That candidates have been balloted upon at the meeting at which their petitions were received. Without special dispensation this is unlawful.

"Second—Some of the proceedings have not been signed by the High Priest.

"Third—Kingfisher Chapter has affiliated several companions. Chapters under dispensation have no right to affiliate members.

"The history, including dispensation, should be spread in full on the records, and the fact of opening and closing in proper form always appear. We, however, recommend that the irregularities be healed, and charters be issued in order of seniority."

And as a "reward of merit," we suppose, the Representatives of these Chapters, to whom charters had just been granted, were admitted to seats and allowed voice and vote in the Grand Chapter.

We suppose the action was warranted by the Constitution of Indian Territory, for Bro. R. W. HILL was in attendance; however, it would have been altogether out of joint in California. A chartered Chapter in our jurisdiction is of no particular use until duly constituted under and by virtue of the charter, and, of course, could have neither voice nor vote until so constituted.

Four jewels were presented to the four Past Grand High Priests, at a cost to the Grand Chapter of \$300.

No report from Committee on Correspondence.

The M. E. LEO EDMOND BENNETT was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. JOSEPH SAMUEL MURROW was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in Oklahoma City on the second Thursday in August, 1894.

IOWA.

The Grand Chapter of Iowa held its fortieth Annual Convocation at Waterloo, October 12th, 1893,—the M. E. CLINTON S. FLETCHER, Grand High Priest, the

R. E. ALF. WINGATE, Grand Secretary. There were present six Past Grand High Priests, one Past Grand King, and one Past Grand Scribe, sixteen Grand Representatives, and the Representatives of seventy-two chartered Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with religious services led by the Grand Chaplain.

A vacant chair was draped in memory of Past Grand High Priests JOHN H. BROWN and SYLVESTER S. BEAN, who have been called to rest during the last year.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, a well written paper, enlivened with poetic lines, and reporting a full account of the duties of the executive office for the past year.

He made official announcement of the very many eminent companions who had gone to eternal rest, and reported his acts in paying proper respect to their memories.

He reports the growth of Capitular Masonry in Iowa to be satisfactory; that through the jurisdiction the pulse has a strong, healthy and vigorous beat.

Not having a contingent fund of sufficient proportions to permit the indulgence of the luxury of extensive visitations, he proposed a substitute, and as a means of obtaining the desired information, a circular letter containing questions, the answers to which would furnish him with a general knowledge of the condition of the jurisdiction. After much correspondence he obtained the desired answers and was prepared to act upon the information obtained. So much painstaking work should furnish good results, at all events, in the consciousness of duty well performed.

The decisions reported were of local importance only.

The Grand High Priest learned by the answers to his interrogatories that nineteen of the constituent Chapters had incorporated under the State law, in violation of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, and he reported the matter for the decision and determination of the Grand Chapter.

He discourses at length upon the Representative system, and concludes with these words. He says: "I do not see or find one useful or redeeming feature in the whole Representative system. I do not see and find enough in the study of Masonry to consume all of the time allotted to us, and countless ages more. I recommend that the system of appointing Representatives be discontinued." And so endeth the first lesson.

He pronounces the forms, ceremonies and teachings of the Cryptic degrees in Masonry beautiful, instructive and impressive, and recommends the repeal of the law whereby the Grand Chapter assumed control of the degrees, and that a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters be organized and given control over Cryptic Masonry in that jurisdiction.

He recommends the passage of a law requiring the reading of the Constitution and laws of the Grand Chapter in each Chapter at least once in each year.

He called attention to the law of the Grand Chapter forbidding the use of substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch degrees. He also called attention to the law requiring the Secretary of each Chapter to keep a register of members, and record therein all important facts relative to the Masonic and civil history of each member of the Chapter.

The Grand High Priest believes that it would appeal to the pride of the Secretaries in collecting dues, if they were required to report annually the amount of unpaid dues owing to the Chapter on the 31st day of December preceding the report, and he recommends that each Secretary be required to certify to the Grand Secretary, with his annual returns, the amount of unpaid dues owing to his Chapter on the 31st day of December preceding the report.

He recommends the creation of districts, and that the members of the Grand Council be assigned thereto for purposes of visitation.

Calling the attention of the Grand Chapter to the able Reports of their Committee on Foreign Correspondence, he says:—

"The one thing that I believe is neglected most by Masons is to pass by almost unnoticed the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. There is probably no one paper or article published that will furnish the same amount of information about the Craft throughout the world as the report of that committee. It is usually spicily written, and by able pens. The searcher after current Masonic light can find no better authority or more reliable information in the same amount of space. The companion who reads one will eagerly search for others. I am pleased to say to you that some of the Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction read them in open Chapter. It is a pleasant and wise practice, and I would recommend that every Chapter set apart a few minutes each meeting under the 'Good of the Order,' to have some companion read portions, at least, of the report of our own excellent committee. The companions will be well paid for the time taken."

From reports received from every Chapter in the jurisdiction he gives this interesting summary:—

Value of real estate owned by Chapters.....	\$42,266 00
Value of stock owned in Masonic Temples.....	5,690 00
Unpaid purchase price owing on real estate.....	7,841 00
Insurance on buildings.....	21,050 00
Value of personal property.....	46,020 00
Insurance on personal property.....	23,407 00
Money in treasuries.....	24,358 73
Money at interest.....	21,603 66
Unpaid dues owing to December 31st, 1892.....	16,331 04
Number of Chapters with small indebtedness other than for real estate.....	2
Chapters having money at interest.....	33
Chapters having no unpaid dues owing to them.....	7
Chapters carrying no insurance on buildings.....	1
Chapters carrying no insurance on personal property.....	48

The Grand Chapter of Iowa have a time set apart as a special order, which they designate as "Memorial hour," giving an opportunity to those who desire to speak of the departed companions. On this occasion the time seems to have been two o'clock P. M. of the first day of the session, and—

"In pursuance of the announcement made by the Grand High Priest—as regards Memorial hour—Past Grand High Priest T. S. PARVIN, Past Grand High Priest A. R. DEWKY, and Comp. M. TANKSLEY improved the time, and in fitting terms spoke from a personal knowledge and lifetime acquaintance of Past Grand High Priests JOHN H. BROWN and SYLVESTER S. BEAN, extolling their many virtues and zeal in the cause of Royal Arch Masonry."

The Grand Chapter enacted these additional laws, evidently for the relief of such Chapters as would be obliged to disincorporate, and resolved that:—

"The laws of this Grand Chapter shall be amended by adding to Chapter XXV, as follows:—

"Section 211. Each chartered Chapter shall, at its annual convocation, in addition to the officers required to be elected under Section 106, elect by ballot three Trustees, who may be the High Priest, King and Scribe, which Board of Trustees shall serve until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

"Sec. 212. Such Board of Trustees shall have full control over the funds and property of the Chapter, may negotiate loans for their Chapter, make purchases of property, and generally hold in trust the property of the Chapter for its use and benefit, and do all acts legitimate and proper as the Chapter may direct."

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended that no legislation concerning the Cryptic degrees be had at this Convocation, which recommendation was adopted.

An elegant steel portrait of *M. E. CLINTON A. FLETCHER*, accompanied with a sketch of his life, adds to the attractions of this fine volume of proceedings.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood assembled in Convention at Waterloo, October 12, 1893, the *M. E. D. S. DEERING*, President. Three companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, being duly qualified, were elected and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood. Convention closed.

Comp. *THOMAS R. ERCANBRACK* presented the Report on Correspondence, a brilliant and spicy review of the doings of forty-six Capitular Legislatures, including California, written in the best style of the author, and flavored with poetry and condiments to suit the taste of the most exacting.

Under Alabama Comp. *ERCANBRACK* devotes the space at his disposal to the memory of their honored Representative near the Grand Chapter of Alabama, Comp. *MYLES JEFFERSON GREENE*, Past Grand High Priest of Alabama. Comp. *GREENE* was a Mason of national repute and deservedly earned, by his active Masonic life, the fraternal eulogy placed upon his bier by the Grand Chapter of Iowa.

Comp. *E.* has good words for the spirited progress of Arizona in the field of Capitular Masonry, and quotes liberally from the able report of Comp. *LIGHT-HIZER*.

Under California Comp. *ERCANBRACK* surprises us with a sarcastic allusion to the "Davis tribe" and the "California Chinaman," and sees nothing but food for mirth in the doings of our Grand Chapter. Well, we are sorry; but Comp. *E.*, don't let a little thing like that trouble you. What's in a name, anyhow?

In looking through this review we find many comments on matters upon which we are thoroughly in harmony and which we quote because of the beauty of expression and for the pleasure of friends and companions at home.

Under Colorado Comp. *ERCANBRACK* writes:—

"We cannot close this section of our report without adding our expressions of gratitude to the grand chorus of praise offered by all visitors to the Triennial Conclave of 1892. That electric illumination filled us with amazement. While we admired the taste and ingenuity displayed, we thought of the great and magnanimous spirit that inspired our Masonic brethren of Colorado to make such a glorious manifestation of appreciation. Truly, you did let your light so shine before men that they seeing your good works did glorify you without stint, and will continue to do so while our souls' lamps hold out to burn."

And under Illinois:—

"It must be a luxury for a Royal Arch Mason to die in Illinois, for he has the assurance that the Committee on Obituaries will not fail to embalm all the good qualities he had, and several more that he is supposed to have had, in the purest and loftiest English. Comp. *DEWITT C. CREGIER* was the memorial chairman this year, and for aught that appears to the contrary he composed this couplet:—

"'Have dissolved the earthly tie
And entered the Chapter on high.'"

Under Indiana he says:—

"Among the twenty-eight Grand Representatives present was our *JOSEPH A. MANNING*. We observe that he is a useful man, for he was Master of Ceremonies in conferring the Order of High Priesthood. His associates were not unimpaired of his merits, for he was elected to the office of Grand Scribe. His Iowa companions fondly trust that he will fill that exalted position with that discreet silence and serene look of unutterable wisdom that will cause his inevitable promotion."

And then worries Comp. *LONG* with this unqualified, and, we think, unsupported assertion:—

"Comp. *LONG*, we candidly admit that the course pursued by the Grand Chapter of Iowa will not materially aid in promoting the 'perpetuity' of the Cryptic

degrees. Nevertheless, had not our Grand Chapter taken upon itself the work of conferring them, it is very doubtful if they would have been conferred at all in Iowa during the last ten years. During that time we have not heard of a single Mason in our State who wants a Council in his own town. The general impression seems to pervade our jurisdiction that the Cryptic degrees do not contain sufficient intrinsic merit to make them worthy of preservation. With the exception of HIRAM's monologue to ADONIRAM, is there much of beauty or eloquence in them? The lesson of the secret vault could be easily incorporated with the Royal Arch degree. In addition to the Lodge, the Chapter, the Commandery, and the Consistory, is there sufficient substance to the Council degrees to justify the necessary expense for their separate maintenance? The voice of Iowa is, No!

"Get the best. Keep the best. Experience proves what is best. For Masonic degrees are like what MULOCK said of a useful fruit:—

"For the best grows highest, always highest,
Upon the mulberry tree."

The Council degrees are now with us, hence there is no point to the inquiry of Comp. E. if there is room for the Council organization in addition to Lodge, Chapter, Commandery and Consistory. If the question were of their introduction now, Comp. E., we would say with you, no; but we have them with us. About their merit, we never heard that questioned before. We first knew of the degrees of Royal and Select Master forty years ago from illustrious Bro. PEREZ SNELL, a Deputy of the Supreme Council, at Charleston, South Carolina. Bro. SNELL had a memorandum of the degrees of Royal and Select Master, and in the same memorandum a certificate authorizing him to confer the same. This certificate was signed MOSES HOLBROOK, Sec'y, with seal of Supreme Council, and dated at Charleston, Feb., 1827. Bro. SNELL lived at Sonora, Tuolumne Co., California, from 1850 until his death in 1870. The Grand Council was organized in California in 1860, and Sonora Council was soon after established, and we used the ritual received from HOLBROOK by SNELL in 1827. After Bro. SNELL's death the memorandum book referred to came into the possession of the writer and was deposited in the archives of the Grand Council of California.

The Council system is a complete organization, from General Grand Council to its constituents, and it does seem, Comp. ECHANBRACK, that "for the harmony of the whole," Iowa ought to conform to the will of the great majority; but then the Grand Chapter of Iowa is a sovereign body, and will exercise her own sweet will in this as in some other matters.

We should like to stay longer with this interesting, pungent report, but must pass on.

The M. E. FREDERICK W. CRAIG was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. ALF. WINGATE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held at Sioux City on the second Wednesday of October, 1894.

KANSAS.

The Grand Chapter of Kansas held its twenty-eighth Annual Convocation at Hutchinson, February 13th, 1893,—the M. E. JOHN C. POSTLETHWAITE, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. WILLIAM M. SHAW acting as Grand Secretary. Nine Past Grand High Priests, and Past Grand High Priest A. A. MURRAY of Illinois, with twenty-two Grand Representatives, were present. Fifty-six chartered Chapters were represented.

After announcing the standing committees the Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, returning thanks to the Giver of all good for the blessings of the past manifested in the abundant crops of the past year and the enjoyment of peace, harmony and prosperity throughout the entire jurisdiction.

He spoke of the relentless demands made by the "Angel of Death" upon our nation during the past year, calling from earthly service the eminent jurist, the brilliant soldier, and the famed public servant, patriot and statesman. As a Fraternity we, too, have been obliged to answer the same relentless demands, and the Grand High Priest in becoming language reports the names of the distinguished dead, and pays graceful and appropriate tribute to their memories. Let us not forget, companions, that—

"There comes a time, it comes to all,
When we shall hear the Warden's call,
And each with ashlar rough or true,
Must pass Death's solemn portals through."

The Grand High Priest is fully alive to the importance of sustaining the reputation of the Kansas companions in the matter of providing for the entertainment of the General Grand Chapter next summer. He reminds the companions that:—

"The General Grand Chapter will hold its next Convocation in the city of Topeka, in the year 1894. The Grand Chapter and every subordinate Chapter should have an interest in the entertainment of the General Grand Chapter in a manner becoming to the Royal Craft of Kansas. I recommend the appointment of a committee to act with the committee of the local Chapters in perfecting all necessary arrangements. I also recommend the appropriation of necessary funds to enable the committee to provide creditable entertainment without embarrassment to the local Chapter. The General Grand Chapter should be the guest of this Grand Chapter, and the committee should be instructed to avoid imposing unnecessary burdens on our companions at Topeka."

How mournful this affectionate mention of the "absent officers" reads, in the light of subsequent events. Comp. JOHN H. BROWN, in a few brief weeks thereafter, passed from his labors on earth to eternal refreshment in the Paradise of God:—

"For the first time in twenty-six years, our R. E. Grand Secretary, Comp. JOHN H. BROWN, has failed to answer the roll-call of this Grand Chapter. That prevailing malady has laid his 'grip' on Comp. BROWN, and he is thereby deprived of the privilege of extending his usual cordial, welcoming 'grip' to his innumerable friends and companions at this Annual Convocation.

"I am pleased to report that he is improving, and his physician assures me that with a little much-needed rest he will soon be able for duty. Comp. BROWN had about completed the work for the Masonic year. His accounts are all in good shape, and his work, as usual, well done. If the disease had been of a fatal character, his successor would find no trouble in taking up the work where he laid it down. This has been the character of Comp. BROWN's work since my intimate acquaintance with the affairs of the Grand Secretary's office.

"While we are deprived of his efficient services, his pleasing words, and wise counsel, you may be sure the disappointment is as great to him as it is to this Grand Chapter, and we are pleased to have the physicians announce that we may be benefited by his rich experience and faithful services for many years to come. I recommend that this Grand Chapter wire their fraternal greetings and sympathy to R. E. Comp. JOHN H. BROWN, Grand Secretary, as a token of our respect and esteem."

The death of the General Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. JOSEPH POTTS HORNOR, is appropriately noticed by the Committee on Necrology:—

"With the companions throughout the world we also mourn the loss of one high in official station over us. He who was seated as ZERUBBABEL in the Grand Council of Capitular Masonry in this country—M. E. JOSEPH P. HORNOR, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America—has ceased his labors in directing the Craft in the great and glorious work of rebuilding the House of the Lord. M. E. Comp. HORNOR died at his home in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, on January 24,

1893. A great and good man has been summoned before the Supreme Grand Council above, to render the final account of his work among the ruins."

"Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither at the north wind's breath;
And stars to set—but all,
Thou hast all seasons for thine own,
Oh, Death!"

The following is a summary of the returns of Chapters made to the Grand Chapter of Kansas for the year ending December 31, 1892:—

Number of Chapters working under charters in 1892.....	77
Number working under charters in 1893.....	77
Number exalted the past year.....	472
Number admitted the past year.....	68
Number dimitted the past year.....	138
Number reinstated the past year.....	20
Number died the past year.....	52
Number suspended the past year.....	63
Number expelled the past year.....	2
Number members borne on the rolls of Chapters Dec. 31, 1892.....	4,699
Number members borne on the rolls of Chapters Dec. 31, 1891.....	4,394
Net gain over 1891.....	305
Number members exempt by reason of exaltation fees.....	472
Amount of fees and dues collected.....	\$3,323 00

The M. E. HENRY HAY KNAPP, Past Grand High Priest, represents Kansas near the Grand Chapter of California.

The Convention of High Priests was held February 14, 1893, the M. E. MATTHEW M. MILLER, President. The Convention was opened in Ample Form, and twenty-one High Priests, having been found eligible, were elected and received the Order of High Priesthood.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by R. E. JOHN H. BROWN, Chairman. Alas! it is a final report.

In reviewing California Comp. BROWN writes approvingly of the sentiments contained in the Address of Comp. MYRICK, and approves the action of our Committee on By-Laws on the proposal to create a limited life membership. Of our THOMAS he writes:—

"The Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL. Although it includes reviews of the proceedings of forty-seven Grand Chapters, it is much briefer than his former reports, owing, as he says, to continued ill health, which precluded any effort in that line till three weeks before the meeting of the Grand Chapter. We can truly sympathize with him, for we, too, have been ill for a long time, and for some weeks well nigh helpless, at least wholly unfit for business or for any but the most limited degree of social intercourse. As we hope to recover our usual health, so do we hope to hear of his early restoration.

"His report, however succinct, is yet quite in his usual pointed style, and if in disagreeing with an adversary he does not convince him, the adversary is sure to find him an open opponent."

At the close of his review of Kentucky Comp. BROWN indulges in the following prophetic advice:—

"The past advancement of our Masonic institutions is only a harbinger of the future, provided Masons are not delinquent in the duties they have voluntarily assumed, and to the performance of which they are obligated by every moral bond conceivable by man. We shall yet grow and help give an impetus to human civilization which will redound to the credit of the Craft and aid the progress of the race in its struggle for higher and holier development."

In Comp. DRUMMOND's report for Maine that distinguished companion had written that, "We think Kansas had no right to make a law regulating the action of other jurisdictions in relation to the appointment of Representatives, and that the Grand High Priest who resented interference was perfectly right." Which opinion brings from Comp. BROWN this response:—

"Well, Comp. D., the Grand Chapter of Kansas differs from you, holding that it has the right to make a law or rule upon that, or any other subject, which suits its own notions of propriety or convenience.

"We are far too ill to answer the scoring which he gives our personal opinion upon the subject to which we do not agree, but when recovered enough to warrant reply, we promise him to do so. Meantime, we give him for reflection this sentiment: 'Nothing made by man is insusceptible of modification or change.'"

"But when recovered." Alas! the uncertainty of human life.

After reviewing Wisconsin our weary companion closes with this remark:—

"We here close this report, and confess we are glad it is done, for with weary brain and tired fingers we have gone through with the work."

The *M. E.* BESTOR G. BROWN was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* JOHN H. BROWN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The twenty-ninth Convocation of this Grand Chapter will be held at Topeka, February 19, 1894.

KENTUCKY.

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky held its Annual Convocation in the city of Louisville, October 17th, 1893,—the *M. E.* CAMPBELL H. JOHNSON, Grand High Priest, the *R. E.* HENRY BANNISTER GRANT, Grand Secretary. There were present nine Past Grand High Priests and the Representatives of fifty-six chartered Chapters.

Comp. L. D. CRONINGER, Representative of California, was also present, with twenty-eight Grand Representatives of other jurisdictions.

After opening the Grand Chapter the Grand High Priest delivered an eloquent Address, first acknowledging the supervising care of the "Great Divinity," and returning thanks for the harmony and prosperity bestowed upon the Capitular Masons of Kentucky during the year.

Under the mournful memorial, Death, he reports many distinguished companions whose "light has faded from our sight, we hope, to shine with renewed and greater brilliancy in the better world." He pays special tribute to the illustrious JOSEPH POTTS HORNOR, and tenders the sympathy of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky in memory of that exalted companion.

We regret to learn from the Address that our companions of Kentucky are under the necessity of considering various plans for the relief of their treasury. We trust the inconvenience may be but temporary, and that no interference may be necessary with Comp. STATON's duties as Chairman of Correspondence.

The following, under the head of "Our Home," needs no comment. The words are words of wisdom and a Mason's plea for the wards of the fraternity. God bless Kentucky in her noble work of demonstrating to the brotherhood the practicability of caring for the widow and the orphan. To her belongs the honor:—

"This institution, over which I have the honor to preside, report this year under its sheltering care two hundred and fifteen children, and twenty-one widows of our brethren, an increase of thirteen since the report of 1892. Is this not a grand work? Much has been said by my predecessors in regard to the noble work we as Masons are doing for the needy; what has been done and what is being done is certainly great and good. But the Masons of Kentucky, while they are setting a

noble example to the balance of the world, and while our praises are being sung throughout the land for the manner in which we are keeping faith with our brethren who have been called by the Grand Master of the Universe to a higher seat in the Grand Lodge above, yet, my companions, there is much more to be done, much more that can be done, yea, much more that must be done.

"While we are caring for the orphans, we are not extending that care far enough. While we now can care for two hundred and twenty-five, we should prepare and be ready for twice that number. While we care for twenty-one widows, we should be prepared for more, and have facilities for better care and more comfort and happiness, by having a separate building apart from the joyous romp and play of the children, where these ladies could pass undisturbed the balance of their days in quiet enjoyment suited to their time of life.

"Then, again, we have no provision for our brother, who needs some one to sympathize with him, cool his fevered brow, give him the cooling draught that will moisten the parched lips, and make his declining years peaceful and happy.

"In our borders, away from the cities, where skilled attention can be procured, are nearly if not quite fifteen thousand brother Masons; multiply this by three and we have the great number of forty-five thousand precious souls that look to us in time of need; and yet, when affliction assails them and they are required to come to the city for the treatment of the specialist, there is no Masonic or Protestant door open to receive them, nor the outstretched arms of a brother to greet them, but to a Roman Infirmary they must go, there to be nursed by those who call us heretics, who issue their bulls against us, and are our acknowledged enemies.

"Companions, we need—we must have an Infirmary. We must have a shelter where our brethren and their loved ones can find rest, sweet rest, peace, sweet peace, in times of need, and be surrounded by loved ones, and be ministered to by friends.

"It can be done, and we owe it to the fulfillment of our obligations to see to it that it is done.

"We have done well and nobly, but let us not be satisfied with well doing when we can do better. Let no one rest until we can point to a rest for our brother in need, as well as for the widow and orphan."

The Committee on Jurisprudence report the decisions of the Grand High Priest to be in accord with Masonic law and give them their approval.

The Committee on "Our Home" submitted the following report, which was adopted:—

"Your committee, to whom was referred that part of the Grand High Priest's Address relative to the Home, would respectfully report that with care, pleasure and pride, they have carefully examined that part of the address, and most heartily commend all therein said. Under the wise and excellent management of M. J. E. High Priest JOHNSON, as Superintendent, the Home has indeed attained the purpose for which it was intended, and has proved a Home indeed to all those who have enjoyed the blessings of its protecting roof.

"The recommendations made for extending the benefits of this most noble institution are worthy of the deep thought and earnest consideration of all the Masons in this jurisdiction.

"The work so nobly begun, and which has been prosecuted with such pronounced success thus far, will not have reached the full measure of Masonic desire until there shall be added to the Home an Infirmary, properly, duly and fully equipped."

The Report on Correspondence is submitted by Past Grand High Priest, Comp. JAMES W. STATON, in which he reviews the legislation of forty-three Grand Chapters, making a comprehensive summary of the prosperous condition of Capitalar Masonry under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

The three Grand Chapters of Alabama, Arkansas and Arizona present a record of progressive prosperity, with no unusual question of law or policy. We may all rest assured when the veteran PILLANS finds time to discuss the probable length of life of a Grand Representative, no burning questions are being ignited to disturb the harmony of the Royal Craft in Alabama. And the same reason will apply to the respective families under the supervision of Comps. LAUGHLIN and LIGHTHIZER.

Of California Comp. STATON has only pleasant words and kindly greeting. He rejoices with us in our financial prosperity and sheds the sympathetic tear with us in our sorrow for the loss of time honored and loving companions. We, too, are traveling on the well worn pathway of business routine, with no one to offer an amendment to the amendment, or even "stir us up" with a demurrer to the prevailing peace and harmony.

Under District of Columbia, Comp. STATON, while writing his appreciation of the scholarly work of Comp. SINGLETON, dissents from his conclusions in the matter of the necessity for installation in cases of re-election.

We think, with Comp. STATON, that the rules governing official service in civil life should apply in Masonic service. In civil life re-election to office requires a renewal of the required bond, and qualification or oath of office. It is the same with us in Masonic service. Comp. A. is elected to serve the Chapter for the ensuing term. His promise to perform the duties, where no bond is required, is his qualification. It expires with his term, and must be renewed in case of re-election, by installation into office for the ensuing term.

But with Comps. STATON and SINGLETON we also believe that Masonry needs but one burial service. If there is a time when the forms, ceremonies and language should be universal, it is when accompanying the remains of a deceased brother to his last resting place, with the peculiar badge of a Mason for his coffin, the sprig of acacia as an emblem of our faith that the destruction is not final, but that in the springtime he shall live again, and the Grand Honors in token of our submission to the divine will of the Master.

Under Kansas Comp. STATON joins in fraternal sympathy the Masons of every degree who mourn the loss of the representative frater JOHN H. BROWN, and adds these loving words in memoriam:—

"The absence of the Grand Secretary, Comp. JOHN H. BROWN, was caused by 'Grippe,' which caused him for the first time to be absent in twenty-six years. He was reported as better, but in that it was a mistake, for only a short time elapsed before he was called to lay aside mortality and put on immortality. Our acquaintance with Comp. BROWN began in 1877; and in all these years we have found him to be true as steel, accomplished and affable, and a Mason without guile. We beg to mingle a tear with those of his brethren and companions of Kansas, and to say that no Mason on the American Continent was more worthy of the confidence and esteem of his brethren than was Comp. BROWN. Peace to his ashes!"

Under Michigan Comp. STATON quotes from Comp. INNES the following:—

"We take issue with Comp. STATON. The war was not forced on him. A few ambitious men, lurking in the by-ways and highways, and having in view the north star of the 33d degree, have made all the trouble. Cerneauism of itself, when let alone, is decidedly harmless, as we have found in our own jurisdiction. They tried three or four years ago to get us into a fight; failing in that they died an ignominious death."

And Comp. STATON responds:—

"We are sorry Comp. INNES has made the statements above quoted, because they show how little he knew about the situation in Kentucky. Some of the bitterest opponents that Cerneauism has in Kentucky are not even Scottish Rite Masons, and have no ambition whatever to be; therefore can have no 'view on the north star or 33d degree' whatever. We repeat what we said in reply to Comp. BARLOW, that arrogance of the Cerneaus, and their threats what they would do when they got possession of the Grand Bodies of the State, compelled the lovers of law and order to take steps in self-defense. The only alternative we had left to us was to fight or run. Kentuckians are not noted for the latter. We fought and won, and we offer no apologies to the Masonic world for so doing."

Why apologize, Comp. STATON, for reregistering that legitimate old charge to "respect genuine brethren, and to discountenance impostors and all dissenters from the original plan of Masonry," it's our pillar of strength, and the support of the American system of Freemasonry?

In his review of Tennessee, in commenting on the question asked by Comp. CONNOR: "Is Lodge affiliation necessary to Chapter membership?" Comp. STATON says, with all the force and impressiveness of truth:—

"The burdens of the Craft are in the Blue Lodge, and every Mason should help to bear those burdens, else not be permitted to seek for soft places in the fraternity, where he may have nothing to do but to enjoy himself, and allow the hard work to be performed by others. All of our charitable institutions are founded and controlled by Grand Lodges, and are supported by Craft Masons principally. The part contributed by the bodies dependent on Blue Masonry is but a drop in the bucket compared to that contributed by Craft Masons. Hence all Masons should help in these good works."

For the information of our companions experienced in the Order of High Priesthood we quote Comp. STATON's contribution to the history of the Order:—

"Referring to our remarks relative to the ritual of the Order of High Priesthood, and the lamented HACKER's authorship thereof, we can only say that it has been universally understood that the ritual Comp. HACKER used, and we believe is in use in Indiana and elsewhere now, was the work of that distinguished author. Comp. HACKER made a copy with his own hand, and presented it to this writer a few years ago, and we have no hesitancy in saying that it is far superior to any we have ever seen from other sources, and we have several others in our possession.

"As to the authorship, we only know this (aside from what we learned from Comp. HACKER himself), that our lamented ROB. MORRIS told this writer at one time that Comp. HACKER was the author of the ritual; that he and HACKER had compared notes and HACKER had accepted some suggestions of his which he thought was more consistent with the history of the Order than those adopted by HACKER in his first preparation of the ritual. This will correspond very well with what Comp. HACKER told us, that he had made a few changes from the ritual as at first prepared.

"We hope no one has a shadow of a doubt as that the authorship is that of the lamented HACKER. We surely have none, but believe it with all our heart."

We are pleased to notice that Comp. JAS. W. STATON is retained as Chairman of Fraternal Correspondence. His address is Brooksville, Ky.

The M. E. WM. P. COONS was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. HENRY B. GRANT was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Louisville on the third Tuesday in October, 1894.

LOUISIANA.

The Grand Chapter of Louisiana held its forty-sixth Annual Convocation at New Orleans February 14, 1893,—the M. E. T. J. HEARD, Grand High Priest, presiding, and the R. E. RICHARD LAMBERT being Grand Secretary. There were present nine Past Grand High Priests and twenty Grand Representatives. Fourteen chartered Chapters and two under dispensation were represented.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. After acknowledging the indulgence of an all-wise and ever kind Providence for permission to meet again in Annual Convocation, he reported that prosperity, peace, and unity prevailed throughout Capitular Masonry in the jurisdiction. He announced the sad tidings of the death of the Most Excellent Companion, JAMES POTTS HONOR, General Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the United States, and paid an eloquent tribute to his memory. He reported the routine work connected with his office to the Grand Chapter, which was referred to the proper committees.

The special committee on obituary reported a sketch of the life of the deceased General Grand High Priest, giving his birth, early life, and his connection with the several branches of Masonry, the positions held by him, and the particulars of his death. The report was adopted by the Grand Chapter, and, in respect to his memory, was ordered read at the first convocation of the several subordinate Chapters of the jurisdiction after its receipt, and made a part of the records of the same. Also, that the halls, altars and jewels be draped in mourning for the period of three months.

The officers and members of the Order of High Priesthood are given in the proceedings, but there seems to have been no meeting of the Convention at this Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by M. : E. : Comp. HERMAN C. DUNCAN, Chairman, who gives a review of the proceedings of thirty-three Grand Chapters. California is noticed and Grand High Priest MYRICK quoted from and approved.

Comp. DUNCAN's review of Kentucky is decidedly crisp. He says "they do things after Kentucky manners in Kentucky." We are anxious to know if it is Kentucky manners for the Grand High Priest to open the Grand Chapter by proxy, the Deputy Grand being present. Comp. DUNCAN says the Grand High Priest had a hard time of it during his official term, and quotes his words, we suppose from his Address, to prove it, to wit :

"In weathering the storm for the past twelve months, now at the close of my journey, I am not certain whether I have been aboard of the craft all the time or the craft has been aboard of me. One thing I do know, however, that I am glad, and you, no doubt, are rejoiced, that the end is near and the time close at hand when I, as captain, will step down and out, and give the vessel over to the care and keeping of one who I trust will be permitted to navigate smoother seas and encounter fewer storms than his predecessor. For him I shall hope that his crew will have no inclination to mutiny, no overweening desire to scuttle the ship, but that he will have *bon voyage* that will enable him to steer clear of the breakers, neither being caught upon Scylla nor stranded upon Charybdis.

"Now that I have come to anchor, it is proper that I should exhibit the "Log," that you may see what has transpired on the way."

In his review of Maine Comp. DUNCAN makes the following explanation of an apparent misunderstanding between Comp. DRUMMOND and himself on the Representative question :—

"The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, M. : E. : Comp. DRUMMOND, Chairman, expresses itself glad that Louisiana has not adopted the system of limiting the tenure of office of representatives to three years, and in expecting Grand High Priests of other jurisdictions to nominate the successors of such representatives.

"But the committee has mistaken the meaning of the Grand High Priest of Louisiana, whose address he reviews, anent official communications. Comp. DRUMMOND had previously commented on the condition of the royal craft in Louisiana, and had attributed our decadence as mainly due to our rule on the subject of life members, a rule now happily abolished. Some few of our companions did not like his remarks, and so procured the appointment of a committee, not in the Grand Chapter, but in a constituent chapter, and this committee, as such, sent a communication to Comp. DRUMMOND, which he commented on in his official position as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of Maine. The receipt of the proceedings of Maine was the first intimation that the Grand High Priest of Louisiana had of the existence of the committee of the subordinate chapter. It will be observed that this was not a private correspondence—no objection to any Louisiana companion writing as much as he pleases to Comp. DRUMMOND, but it was semi-official in its character. It was a letter from a subordinate chapter of Louisiana to a committee of the Grand Chapter of Maine. Our Grand High Priest said that as it was manifestly improper

for a Grand High Priest to write to a committee of another jurisdiction unless he sent his letter through the proper authorities, say through the Grand High Priest of that jurisdiction, so must be a communication from a committee of a subordinate of his Grand Chapter. 'Official communications between sovereign jurisdictions must pass through the offices of the representatives of those sovereignties.'

"Perhaps we should have extended our words—our words, we say—for the then Grand High Priest is now the writer of this report. Our thought was that a Grand High Priest could not, with propriety, OFFICIALLY correspond with a committee of another jurisdiction, save through the Grand High Priest of that jurisdiction, much less could a committee of a Grand Chapter do so, and still less a committee of a subordinate chapter. The word "representatives" was not spelled with a capital letter, and we had no thought at the time of writing of the accredited representatives. By the 'office of a representative of a sovereignty,' we intended the head of its government, the Grand High Priest—not one of its ministers.

"And so the criticism of the most excellent companion entirely agrees with our own thought, when he says anent this matter:

"'While we think that the usual practice is for the heads of our grand bodies to communicate directly with each other, some hold that the letters should go through the Grand Secretaries; sometimes this is a necessity, as the address of the presiding officer is not found in the proceedings.'"

If asked for our advice, we would say, by all means let correspondence be conducted through the regular channels—and except in cases of emergency confined thereto.

We admire the independent, thoughtful comments of Comp. DUNCAN upon the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, concerning the inherent rights of constituent bodies, his dignified welcome to West Virginia to be seated at the general council table, and his conclusion, in regard to the Grand Chapter of Victoria. We refer to the same matters elsewhere. We hope to meet the genial Reporter of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana again.

The *M. E.* GEORGE J. PINCKARD was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* RICHARD LAMBERT was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana will be held at New Orleans on Tuesday after the second Monday of February, 1894.

MAINE.

The Grand Chapter of Maine held its sixty-eighth Annual Convocation in the city of Portland, May 20th, 1893,—the *M. E.* ALBERT M. PENLEY, Grand High Priest, the *R. E.* STEPHEN BERRY, Grand Secretary. There were present thirteen Past Grand High Priests, two Past Grand Deputy High Priests, one Past Grand King, one Past Grand Scribe, sixteen Grand Representatives, and the Representatives of forty-one chartered Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. He extends to the assembled companions a cordial welcome, and informs them that they meet once more with unbroken ranks, although many sister jurisdictions have been less fortunate. He announces the death of the *M. E.* JOSEPH POTTS HONOR, General Grand High Priest, and eulogizes his memory. He also alludes to the death of the eminent fraters GEO. L. KIMBALL of Arkansas, CHESTER TILDEN of Connecticut, DeWITT C. DAWKINS of Florida, and MYLES J. GREENE of Alabama. "To the past go more dead faces—every year."

Under decisions he says: "During the year I have been called upon to decide very few questions, and as these involve no new principle of law, but have been answered before, I have omitted them from this report."

The Grand High Priest reports that the annual meeting of the Grand Council was held at Auburn. Three of the Grand Council were present, with the District Deputy Grand High Priest and Grand Lecturer. Following the usual custom, the day was spent in a review of the ritual and discussion of the work. He adds: "The more I attend these meetings the better convinced I am of the wisdom of the Grand Chapter in establishing them."

The Grand High Priest presents, by order of the General Grand High Priest, the announcement that the Grand Chapter of West Virginia has become a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America.

The Grand High Priest reported his visitation of the constituent Chapters. He found the general condition to be excellent, the past year having been a prosperous one for Capitular Masonry in Maine.

Interesting, elaborate reports were made by four District Deputies and by the Grand King and Grand Scribe. The subordinate branches of the organization in Maine are thoroughly supervised.

A fine steel portrait of the late Grand Secretary, IRA BERRY, prefaces this volume of proceedings.

The Grand Officers were all re-elected.

The Committees on Grievance, Amendments to the Constitution, and Jurisprudence report no business.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, who prefaces as follows:—

"Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence submit their annual report. We note that objections have been made to the term 'Foreign Correspondence.' As the word 'Foreign' is used to distinguish correspondence from outside the jurisdiction from that within the jurisdiction, and the term expresses precisely what is meant, we do not perceive any reason whatever for a change.

"As heretofore the table of the proceedings reviewed will be found at the close of the report.

"It seems to us that the proceedings have reached us more promptly than usual; we have received some that were not received in season last year, and the proceedings of the same Grand Chapters for 1893, in several instances. We commence our report with the prospect of reporting upon the proceedings of every Grand Chapter with a single exception. The Grand Chapter of New Brunswick has changed the time of its Annual Convocation from April to August, and, of course, its proceedings cannot be received before the report shall have been completed and printed."

Under Alabama Comp. DRUMMOND gives more information relating to the Masonic life of the illustrious Comp. MYLES JEFFERSON GREENE, late Grand Secretary. He says:—

"We noted last year the then recent death of the Grand Secretary, MYLES JEFFERSON GREENE. His services to Masonry deserve a more extended notice. Made a Mason in 1849, he was instrumental the next year in organizing a Lodge at the place of his residence, of which he was Master *nineteen* of the *twenty-seven* years during which he continued to live there. He was first High Priest of the Chapter established at the same place and remained such till he moved away. In his new residence he was both Master of the Lodge and High Priest of the Chapter.

"He was first a member of the Grand Lodge in 1852, and thereafter missed attending but few of the Annual Communications, and none after 1867. He was a member of the Committee on Work from 1869 to 1881, when he was elected Junior Grand Warden, and then promoted through the other offices till he became Grand Master in 1887. He was born in 1827, became a Mason in 1849, and was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in 1856."

Under Arizona Comp. DRUMMOND writes a few lines, replying to Comp. LIGHTHIZER on the recommendatory certificate question, which truthfully suggests a fact

existing in nearly all organized bodies. There is but one name that defines the Mason described by Comp. D. He is the Masonic crank:—

"Has not our companion known a Mason against whom nothing *tangible* could be charged, upon which he could be put out, and yet if he were out, could not get even a *majority* vote to get in? Is it right to give such a one a recommendation to the Craft 'as a worthy Mason'? That such cases exist we all know; Masons are human, and therefore it is not strange that a member will disappoint the expectations of his brethren and prove an undesirable member and yet not be provably guilty of unmasonic conduct. This is another instance in which an apparently correct theory must yield to the stern logic of facts and events."

Under California Comp. DRUMMOND thinks the DAVIS family fully represented in Grand Chapter by Wm. B., Wm. H., and Wm. A. True, Comp. D., but the majority is against Wm. A., who carries an (e) in his name to signify that he is of "Welch" descent, though born in the Mohawk Valley, in central New York, or in other words a Mohawk Dutchman with Welch antecedents.

Our legislation generally seems to meet the critical views of Comp. D., although he would not have disapproved a plan of life membership submitted to our Committee on By-Laws for the same reasons. He says: "We give no weight to the objection that it would create a privileged class;" and we think with him that life membership can be established, without bad effect and with positive desirable and profitable results. Comp. D. comments as follows:—

"The Grand Chapter refused to approve a plan of life membership proposed by one of the Chapters. We give no weight to the objection of the committee that it would create 'a privileged class;' but the plan, in our judgment, was fatally defective in not recognizing the mathematical principles applicable to such plans; a plan based upon the commutation into one payment of the dues during the expectancy of the life of a member, and the right to use annually, not the *income*, but the *amount of the annual* dues, would not create any 'privileged class,' and would give the Chapter annually, on the average, an income the same as if all paid annual dues; it also would encourage members to remain such for life."

Comp. DRUMMOND has good words for his old time friend, Bro. CASWELL. He sympathizes with us in the loss of our venerable Comps. TOWNSEND A. THOMAS and ISAAC S. TITUS, Past Grand High Priests, and gives pleasant salutation to the writer of this report, for which we are duly thankful.

Under Canada Comp. D. gives us his opinion on the much discussed question of the propriety of Masons attending church service, in a body, in uniform or other Masonic clothing. His views are ours, and we are pleased to be in accord with such good authority in "church matters." He writes:—

"We should object most earnestly to attending divine worship in Masonic clothing, unless the service was a special one for the Craft. It is an ancient custom for the Craft, on St. John's Day, to arrange to have an address delivered or a sermon preached to them, *as Masons*: and on such occasions the public are admitted. So far from objecting to this, we earnestly wish that the old custom was better observed. Our opinion, founded upon observation and experience of our whole Masonic life, is that these public exercises, sanctioned by almost immemorial usage, have a beneficial effect upon the Craft and the community—thus effecting two of the objects of the institution."

Under Connecticut, Frater JNO. H. BARLOW, Chairman of Correspondence, we quote the following. Of the power of Grand Bodies to discipline, he says:—

"We think Grand Bodies have, in case of discipline, original jurisdiction, and may inflict a penalty of suspension or expulsion, not only from the Grand Body, but from the rights and privileges of Masonry, especially if, as in the case alluded to (if we remember correctly), the offense was against the Grand Body. The Grand Lodge of Connecticut, at its last Annual Communication, passed the sentence of

expulsion from all the rights and privileges of Masonry upon one who was not a member of the Grand Body, but whose offense was of such a nature as to call for such an action."

In all of which we concur.

Under Georgia, Comp. W. S. RAMSAY, Chairman, we quote this opinion of dependent membership:—

"The proposition to suspend a Royal Arch Mason in good standing in his Chapter, without an opportunity to be heard before the Chapter, is contrary to the very spirit of Masonry, and strikes a death blow at our boasted freedom. As well might the Blue Lodge suspend the Master who does not, in twelve months, take the Capitular degrees. This new idea of the Chapter overseeing the Blue Lodge, and 'regulating' the standing of her members, is a modern innovation and dangerous in tendency. When the Chapter assumes to take care of the *status* of Lodge members, she is transcending the bounds of prudence."

It seems to us, Comp. RAMSAY, that when the Chapter abandons the idea of overseeing the standing of its members in the Lodge, it abandons the purpose for which it was formed, and pursues, to use a homely phrase, a go as you please policy, which is fatal to organization and order and a sure forerunner of demoralization and decay. There is a strong bond of union existing between every well governed Chapter and the Lodge or Lodges from which it derives its membership, that is wanting in every Chapter careless of the Lodge affiliation of its members. In this jurisdiction we give strict attention to this requirement, and in consequence our Chapters are live, working bodies. So closely connected is our system relating to the government of Lodges and Chapters, that one of our regulations (General Regulation No. 10) reads:—

"The provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of California shall be, in all essential respects, where there is no conflict between it and the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, the rules and regulations by which the action of the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction shall be governed."

This simplifies our jurisprudence, produces uniformity of action, and keeps Grand Lodge authority "to the fore," where we would have it.

Under Massachusetts, Comp. SERANUS BOWEN, Chairman, asks Comp. DRUMMOND the following question:—

"If a man applies for the degrees in a Lodge in Maine, is rejected, and then goes to New Brunswick, for instance, and gets the degrees in a regular Lodge there, is he not a clandestine Mason? If not, what is he?"

Comp. DRUMMOND replies:—

"Thirty years ago and more we had that very question to meet here in Maine. We found that if we declared him clandestine, that did not *make* him so; the Grand Lodge 'over the border' declared he was *not* clandestine; that Grand Lodge was the peer of our Grand Lodge, and we finally came to the conclusion that it was contrary to the law of Masonry for one Grand Lodge to declare the work of another Grand Lodge clandestine; and we didn't do it; we feel obliged to answer Comp. BOWEN's question, 'He is a regular Mason.' If he had acted fraudulently, we would have complained to the Grand Lodge [then of England], had charges filed and had him expelled. If he had not, as was most frequently the case, we would complain of the Lodge and protest; finally we prohibited the holding of any Masonic communication with all such Masons. We have since made that general; if a resident of Maine goes to Scotland and gets the degrees without our consent, and comes back, he cannot visit any Lodge in Maine, or be recognized, unless the Grand Master or Grand Lodge shall otherwise order in any particular case.

"We answer his question thus at length, because of its direct connection with the matter already discussed, as well as on account of the vast importance. What could be a greater insult to a Grand Chapter than to have its own work declared 'clandestine' by a sister Grand Chapter?"

Replying to Comp. ERCANBRACK, of Iowa, Comp. DRUMMOND writes:—

"We criticised the new Constitution of his Grand Chapter in three respects: (1) It operates *retrospectively* to deprive permanent members of the Grand Chapter of their membership; (2) it introduces the modern quorum idea in place of the old ritual rule; and (3) it limits eligibility to office to members of the Grand Chapter. In reply he says:—

"The spirit of the West is adverse to what is called vested rights, unless good cause can be shown for the continuance of the investiture. The doctrine of 'ancient lights' was first overruled by the Supreme Court of Iowa, and it was in Des Moines, Iowa, where the Federal Judges MILLER and LOVE pronounced the judicial edict that reversed all cases forbidding the bridging of navigable streams, in consequence of which nearly a hundred bridges span the Mississippi. If a Maine man must teach us what a 'quorum' is, we rather accept the precepts of THOMAS B. REED than JOSIAH DRUMMOND. As to the last objection raised, the point is visionary and speculative. At the last Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Iowa there were an even hundred members present who have never held office in the Grand Chapter, and who know themselves to be competent to run any Grand Chapter, and confidently expect to be Grand High Priest some day."

And Comp. DRUMMOND makes this interesting and instructive response:—

"The decisions were based upon the fact that what was claimed to be a vested right was not one, and our companion's illustrations are inapplicable. But his statement that 'the doctrine of ancient lights was first overruled by the Supreme Court of Iowa' is a surprise to us, because we well remembered that when we were 'studying law' we came out of BLACKSTONE with the doctrine firmly imbedded in our mind as law, only to find that in this country the doctrine was denied and had been expressly overruled by our own Supreme Court. We do not know when the Iowa decision was rendered, but in order for our companion's statement to be true, it must have been earlier than April, 1847, when the Supreme Court of Maine expressly overruled the doctrine, and earlier than 1838, when the Supreme Court of New York decided the precise question in the same way. We strongly suspect that Comp. ERCANBRACK's statement grew out of one of those harmless hallucinations prevalent in his longitude, that 'the West' is 'ahead of all creation'!

"If he should ask THOMAS B. REED what a 'Masonic quorum' is, he would reply, 'I never heard of such a thing; go and ask DRUMMOND.' His reply, however, does not touch our proposition, that the word 'quorum' is a very recent importation into Masonry, as well as the ideal which it represents.

"He probably also gives the reason why those one hundred members voted for the amendment limiting office to members of the body, viz: that to narrow the field of selection would give them a better chance of getting an office! The usage of the mother Grand Lodge and of all her elder daughters has been and is, to select the office-bearers from the membership at large, the only restriction being that certain officers must be Past Masters.

"IRA BERRY was never a member of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council or Grand Commandery, except by virtue of his election as recording officer. His successor, at the time of his election, was not a member of either the Grand Lodge or the Grand Chapter. Our practice in Maine may not be deemed authority; but the practice of the General Grand Chapter, from its origin down to this time, has been to elect companions to office who were not members of it. The practice has not been so frequent since Past Grand High Priests have become permanent members. Among numerous other like cases, neither DEWITT CLINTON, ROBERT R. LIVINGSTONE, ROBERT P. DUNLAP, JOHN L. LEWIS, or WILLIAM HACKER was a member of the General Grand Chapter when he was first elected to office therein, and the first three were elected General Grand High Priest. Neither JOHN D. CALDWELL nor CHRISTOPHER G. FOX were members of the General Grand Chapter when they were first elected General Grand Secretary. Especially is the Iowa rule a nuisance when it becomes necessary to elect a new Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer. The best man for any Masonic Grand office, who can be found in the whole jurisdiction, ought to be elected, and this rule prevents it in the proportion of the total membership to the few who are members of the Grand Body."

The Council of the Order of High Priesthood for Maine met May 3, 1893,—*M. E.*: JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, President, presiding. The Council was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the *E.*: Chaplain. Nineteen companions, High

Priests in their respective Chapters, were elected, received and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood. After the election of officers the Council closed.

M. E. ALBERT M. PENLEY was elected Grand High Priest, and E. STEPHEN BERRY was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next (69th) Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Portland, May 1, 1894.

MARYLAND.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland was instituted June 24th, 1797.

A Special Convocation of the Grand Chapter was held September 18th, 1893,—the M. E. W. NASH YOUNG, Grand High Priest, presiding. This Special Convocation was called for the consecration of Oriental Hall, in Masonic Temple, Baltimore, and its dedication and setting apart for the uses and purposes of Royal Arch Masonry.

After a welcome by the Grand High Priest and a statement of the purpose of the Convocation, Comp. GEORGE L. McCAHAN, Deputy and acting General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, was introduced and received with the honors due his exalted station.

After the interesting ceremonies of dedication and consecration, an address was delivered by Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Master of Maryland, Comp. JOHN M. CRSTER. These duties performed, the companions proceeded to the banquet hall, where the remaining exercises were held and concluded to the satisfaction of the Grand Chapter of Maryland.

The Grand Chapter held its ninety-sixth Annual Convocation in the city of Baltimore, November 14th, 1893,—the M. E. WILLIAM NASH YOUNG, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. GEORGE L. McCAHAN being Grand Secretary. There were present eleven Past Grand High Priests, three Past Deputy Grand High Priests, twenty Grand Representatives and the Representatives of sixteen chartered Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, the usual committees appointed, and the Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address.

After giving thanks to the Heavenly Father, "the giver of every good and perfect gift," he reported that since the last Annual Convocation death had invaded their circle and summoned two worthy companions from their earthly labors—Comps. JOSEPH E. TYLER and CHARLES G. FOX, Past High Priests. He says of these companions: "Their Masonic life was of the highest order, and their charity as widespread as the needs of those with whom they were brought in contact. Their names were the synonyms of honesty, integrity and zeal, and they were devoted to the principles and teachings of our beloved institution. Of genial and kindly dispositions, they won their way to the affection and esteem of all who knew them."

The Grand High Priest also reports the names of the many eminent companions of sister jurisdictions who have passed within the vails, and says: "Then let our hearts go out in sympathy and condolence with our sister Grand Bodies, trusting that those for whom they mourn were prepared to carry up their work for inspection and that it will pass the square of the Master Overseer, permitting them to enter the sanctuary above, and there receive a white stone with a new name written thereon."

Under the head of decisions the Grand High Priest reports but one he deemed of sufficient importance to lay before the Grand Chapter. It was an extreme case of physical disqualification. The petitioner, subsequent to his being made a Master Mason, lost both his legs and had substituted therefor artificial limbs. The Grand High Priest decided the brother physically disqualified, his defects being such as to

prevent him from conforming literally to all the requirements of the Capitular degrees; which we think a just decision, even though it be the denial to a Master Mason of his most ardent desires.

But listen, ye Reporters, to the words of wisdom with which this M. E. Grand High Priest closes his report under the head of decisions. He says:—

“It is very gratifying, however, that the presiding officers of our Chapters are, for the most part, studious and intelligent Masons, possessing a fair knowledge of Masonic law and acquaintance with the decisions heretofore made by this Grand Body, and are prepared to adjudicate many questions which arise without calling upon the Grand High Priest. This is perhaps attributable to the careful reading by the High Priests of ‘Reports on Foreign Correspondence.’ These reports contain a fund of useful information, and are not only entertaining and instructive, but every conceivable question arising in Chapters has been decided by some Grand High Priest and commented upon by the writers. There is no way in which Masonic light and knowledge is dispensed more effectively than through the medium of these reports. Those selected to prepare them are men of recognized ability, whose scholarly attainments and superior knowledge of Masonic history and jurisprudence well fit them for this important yet not properly appreciated work. I would encourage the officers of Chapters and the Craft generally to read these ‘Reports on Foreign Correspondence,’ believing, if they do so, we will have more intelligent and better informed Masons.”

Comp. W. NASH YOUNG may be a “Past” Grand High Priest, but he is evidently “present” in the practical application of good works and their results. He reports visitations to all the Chapters save one, and that one deferred at the Chapter’s request. He participated with the Grand Chapter of Delaware in celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of that Grand Body, and reports with enthusiasm the hearty Royal Arch welcome given and the generous hospitality extended by the descendants of the “Blue Hen.” He also reports the ceremonies attendant upon the consecration and dedication of the magnificent new Temple by the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery. May this home of the Fraternity of Maryland shelter the “trinity” of the American system of Freemasonry for the next century.

This volume contains elegant steel portraits of M. E. W. NASH YOUNG and the acting General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, M. E. GEORGE L. MCCAHAN, also a fine engraving of the new Masonic Temple, Baltimore.

The Committee on Correspondence, Comp. EDWARD T. SCHULTZ, Past Deputy Grand High Priest, Chairman, presented a resolution, which was adopted, recognizing the Supreme Grand Chapter of New South Wales as a regularly constituted Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

The Grand Chapter resolved to invite the General Grand Chapter to hold its Centennial Convocation in Baltimore in 1897, and directed its Representatives in the next Triennial to urge the invitation.

The Annual Convocation of M. E. High Priests of Maryland convened November 14th, 1893, at three o’clock P. M., Comp. JAMES W. BOWERS, Past Grand High Priest, President. The Council was opened in Ample Form, and six companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, were anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood, whereupon the Council closed.

Comp. EDWARD T. SCHULTZ presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence, a learned and able review of the doings of forty Grand Assemblies of Royal Arch Masons. Comp. SCHULTZ’s comments upon the history of Masonry in its several stages in the New World is a veritable fountain of Masonic knowledge. Comp. SCHULTZ reviews Alabama, Arizona and Arkansas, and gives this expression of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances of Arkansas as a diagnosis of the Capitular condition in those jurisdictions. That committee say: “That a most gratifying condition of peace and harmony prevails throughout the entire Royal Craft of this Grand

Jurisdiction. No appeals having been presented to this Grand Chapter, and no grievances of any kind having been sent to it for redress." This condition seemingly receives the assent of Comp. LAUGHLIN, of Arkansas, who wants to see all the Grand Chapters, including those to be formed in the Territories, united in one General Grand Union, which shall be a fraternal union of equals. "So mote it be."

Under California Comp. SCHULTZ responds pleasantly to the reference in our Grand High Priest's Address to the companions of Maryland, whom he visited during his term of office. He comments favorably upon our legislation upon the proposition for life membership, and says: "We think it can readily be demonstrated that life membership, unless conducted upon principles similar to those of the old time life insurance companies, will prove a failure."

Comp. SCHULTZ don't indorse our non-affiliation regulations, designating our law as the "take you by the neck process." Of course we regret the disapproval of so eminent a jurist as our Maryland companion, and we hope Comp. SCHULTZ will excuse us if we intimate that a trip out West some day, and a study of the growth of Masonry in its several departments, during the past thirty years, in the new fields of this great jurisdiction, would materially change his convictions on this subject. Come and see us, Comp. SCHULTZ; meanwhile, thanks for compliments.

Under District of Columbia, Comp. SCHULTZ (in vindication of the truth of history), publishes new matter concerning the origin and authority for communicating the Council degree, or the degree of Select Masons of 27. In these investigations Comps. SCHULTZ, SINGLETON and DRUMMOND have brought to light information of much value to the Masonic student and the Mason who likes to be able to give a "reasonable" reason for the faith that is in him. We would like to give this Cryptic Rite history in full, with Comp. SCHULTZ's comments, but haven't space to spare in this report.

Under Kentucky Comp. SCHULTZ says: "Comp. STATON has correctly stated the position of Comp. DRUMMOND, the late Comp. DADMON and your committee, that while strenuously opposing the regulation of Grand Lodges, which deprives a brother of his rights and privileges in the Fraternity for non-payment of dues (however unjust and unmasonic we believe it to be), *must* nevertheless be respected by the Chapter." As well also by the Commandery, Comp. SCHULTZ.

Under Massachusetts Comp. SCHULTZ concentrates all we would write on the CHARLES W. JORDAN case in these few words:—

"After a thorough investigation by a committee of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, that Grand Chapter voted, 'that CHARLES W. JORDAN be and he is hereby declared to be a clandestinely made Royal Arch Mason, and, as such, that he be debarred from all the rights and privileges of Chapter Masonry.' The reading of this surprised your committee greatly. For the life of us we can't see how a regularly warranted and duly constituted Chapter can make a clandestine Royal Arch Mason, and if, as it would appear, he practiced fraud, should have been tried therefor, and, if found guilty, been expelled."

Under Michigan Comp. SCHULTZ pays a well deserved tribute to the dead veteran, WILLIAM P. INNEN.

Under Maine we are amused at the serious discussion between such young brethren as DRUMMOND and SCHULTZ, *in re* the rights and privileges (or the powers as they put it) of a Lodge under dispensation. We think a Lodge under dispensation will exercise the powers granted to it by its letters of dispensation, and no more, unless it gets the "big head," when it will in time find itself "thrown over among the rubbish;" but give these eminent doctors a more important subject to diagnose. Comp. DRUMMOND, in his report, said:—

"Comp. SCHULTZ holds that the degrees of Masonry cannot legally be conferred on a blind man. So do we; but he does not (so far as we have seen) express any opinion upon the question whether those degrees can be conferred upon a man who can conform to all the requirements, but has a limb furnished by human ingenuity in

place of the one which nature gave him. He does not believe that trifling defects should debar one from becoming a Royal Arch Mason, and deems the Texas law too stringent. So he cannot hold to the 'perfect youth' theory. If so, he must meet the question we have suggested."

Comp. SCHULTZ replies:—

"While not 'quite' holding to the 'perfect youth theory,' we do hold that no degree of Masonry can properly be conferred upon one not able to comply literally with all the requirements of said degree, and without the aid of artificial appliances, and yet this must have its qualifications. We know that there are near-sighted persons who cannot see, as the saying goes, to the end of their nose, but with the aid of glasses they 'can see.' On the contrary, a man with an artificial arm or hand is not able to feel; therefore, while the one would be able to comply with the requirements of 'all' the degrees, the other would not be able to do so."

Comp. SCHULTZ, take the head of the class.

The M.: E.: WILLIAM E. ARNOLD was elected Grand High Priest, and the R.: E.: GEORGE L. McCAHAN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Baltimore, Nov. 13, 1894.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Grand Chapter of Massachusetts held a Quarterly Convocation in Boston, March 7th, 1893,—the M.: E.: J. ALBERT BLAKE, Grand High Priest, the R.: E.: SERANUS BOWEN being Grand Secretary. Besides the Grand Officers there were present seventeen permanent members, twenty-two Grand Representatives, and Representatives of thirty-one chartered Chapters.

After the opening of the Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest announced the death of the General Grand High Priest, M.: E.: JOSEPH POTTS HORNOR, and, after a brief tribute, presented memorial resolutions in honor of the late chief executive, which were adopted by the Grand Chapter by a unanimous standing vote.

The Grand High Priest also announced the death of R.: E.: JONATHAN P. FOLSOM, Past Grand King, and a committee reported his Masonic service with an eloquent eulogy upon his character as a Mason and a citizen.

This Grand Chapter also held a Special Convocation, June 8th, 1893, for the purpose of constituting and dedicating *St. Elmo* Royal Arch Chapter and installing its officers.

A second Quarterly Convocation was held June 13th, 1893,—the Grand Officers in attendance.

The Grand High Priest announced the death of Comp. EDWARD COGGINS. Memorial resolutions were adopted and sorrowful regret expressed at his untimely departure.

A third Quarterly Convocation was held September 12th, 1893,—the Grand High Priest presiding.

The Grand High Priest announced the death of the Grand Treasurer and Past Grand High Priest, M.: E.: RICHARD BRIGGS. After a brief eulogy by Comp. SERANUS BOWEN, the Grand Chapter adopted memorial resolutions, which they ordered entered upon the records and transmitted to the family of the deceased companion.

The R.: E.: DAVID W. BATTLES was received and acknowledged as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Oregon.

A Special Convocation was held October 24th, 1893, for the constitution of *Dorchester* Royal Arch Chapter and the installation of its officers, at the close of which an elegant banquet was enjoyed, "we presume strictly in conformity with the uniform work."

The ninety-fifth Annual Convocation was held in Boston, December 12th, 1893,—the *M. E. J. ALBERT BLAKE*, Grand High Priest, the *R. E. SERANUS BOWEN*, Grand Secretary.

After opening the Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest welcomed the companions, and requested the Grand Lecturer to proceed with the exemplification of the work and lectures of the Capitular degrees.

During the morning and afternoon sessions the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent and Royal Arch were exemplified by a select corps of officers to a crowded audience of members, who manifested the deepest interest in the presentation of the work, sixty-seven of the seventy-four Chapters being represented.

Besides the Grand Officers there were in attendance at the evening session twenty-four permanent members, the Representatives of twenty-nine Grand Chapters, and the Representatives of sixty-eight chartered Chapters of that jurisdiction.

The Finance Committee reported receipts for year, \$3,833.32; expenditures, \$2,970.99; balance on hand, \$3,065.15; assets, funds on hand, \$11,953.02.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, returning thanks for past blessings and invoking a continuance of divine favor.

Under Necrology he referred to their bereavement in the deaths of many excellent companions during the past year, and reported the action had by the Grand Chapter.

He reported a most favorable result from the faithful service of the District Deputies, and confirmed the prosperous condition of Capitular Masonry in Massachusetts by the visitations and inspections made by him accompanied by the Grand Secretary.

No decisions of importance had been asked for.

The Grand High Priest had served for three years and declined a re-election.

The Committee on Address of Grand High Priest reported as follows:—

"We heartily congratulate the Grand Chapter on the brilliant success that has attended the administration of *M. E. Comp. BLAKE* during the three years in which he has rendered such efficient service as Grand High Priest. He may well feel proud of the record he has made.

"We earnestly approve of the system which he has inaugurated of District Exemplifications.

"We recommend the approval of the order of the Grand High Priest issued in March last, and believe that this Grand Chapter should express, with no uncertain sound, its opinion that dispensations to communicate degrees should never be given except in case of the utmost emergency.

"We approve of the re-districting of the several Chapters, and believe it to be for the best interests of the whole jurisdiction."

A deserved compliment for faithful service; but what is meant by reference to "communicating degrees by dispensation?" Is it possible, with the magnificent Capitular organization of Massachusetts, that an emergency can arise demanding its giving way to the imaginary necessities of a dispensing power? Tell us about it, *Comp. BOWEN*.

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood reported that nineteen companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, had been anointed and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

The State is divided into twelve Capitular districts, with a District Deputy Grand High Priest in charge of each, for purposes of visitation, inspection and general supervision.

This volume is prefaced with an elegant steel portrait of *M. E. J. ALBERT BLAKE*, the retiring Grand High Priest.

The Report on Correspondence is submitted by Comp. SERANUS BOWEN, who gives us 142 pages in his easy, discursive and convincing manner. The report before us is no exception to others bearing his mark, but is an admirable digest of the doings of the American bodies of Royal Arch Masons, with Scotland, Quebec and Nova Scotia added thereto.

Under Arizona, upon the proposition of Comp. LIGHTHIZER to make the work of the General Grand Chapter obligatory upon the Grand Chapters, he makes these sensible comments:—

"He thinks the ritual of the General Grand Chapter should be made obligatory on the several Grand Chapters. It would never have been adopted at all but for the express understanding that it was not to be obligatory. The question of absolute uniformity in all the minutia of the ritual throughout the United States is one on which a vast amount of nonsense has been written. There is not a Grand Chapter in the country to-day, whether it uses the General Grand Chapter ritual or not, where there are not as many variations from a literal word for word correctness of rendition as there are Chapters in the jurisdiction. We served many years as Grand Lecturer in this State, and have put much hard and earnest labor into producing uniformity of work among our Chapters. But as long as men are constituted as they are, they will vary in their rendition of any ritual whatever. And until one jurisdiction can come forward and say with truth that its subordinates work alike with absolute exactness, it is not wise to keep this bone of contention to the front so constantly. So long as we have practical uniformity in essentials, let the Grand Chapters administer their own internal affairs in the way that is best suited to their locality. We of Massachusetts have no disposition whatever to dictate how the dramatic portions of the degrees shall be filled in in Arizona. Because in the subordinate Chapter of which we are a member a brazen scaffold is most effectively used in the Most Excellent degree, we do not desire to force all the other Chapters to use it.

"No, companions, the most unwise thing that could be done would be to send out a printed ritual and attempt to compel the State Grand Chapters to enforce its use. Our experience with teaching ritual has shown that those parts that are printed and accessible to everybody—the so-called 'monitorial parts'—are the ones that are much more inaccurately rendered than the secret work. In other words, fix your ritual so that a man does not have to work to memorize it, and he will rarely commit it accurately. The best thing that can be done with the ritual is to stop this constant tinkering with it and let it alone."

In California we have no trouble with our Chapter work. We adopted the "Hubbard Ritual" in 1855, had CASWELL vaccinated with it, and made him Grand Lecturer. He don't know any other work, and can show the "scar" and convince the most skeptical.

Under California Comp. BOWEN has words of commendation for the industry and zeal of the Masons of California, and predicts a successful and prosperous future. He gives friendly greeting to the writer hereof, which is appreciated and for which we return our thanks. Comp. BOWEN says: "The Grand Chapter of California is certainly one of the most flourishing Masonic bodies in the country, and we wish it and its members long life and continued prosperity." In connection with several members of our Grand Chapter, although under another flag, we hope to pay our respects to Comp. BOWEN next year—and take beans with him.

Comp. BOWEN quotes Comp. BARLOW, of Connecticut, on the Massachusetts definition of the word "clandestine":—

"A question of invasion of jurisdiction between two Chapters was brought before the Grand Chapter, in which it was clearly shown that the candidate made incorrect statements as to his residence. The Grand Chapter pronounced him a clandestine-made Royal Arch Mason, and debarred him from all rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry. This suggests the same old query, 'How can a lawful Chapter make a clandestine Mason?' We think, instead of being declared clandestine, he should have been expelled for making false statements."

And responds:—

"The manner of disposing of this case is in accordance with what has been done heretofore in this Grand Chapter, and the result arrived at is, so far as we can see, the same that it would have been had the course recommended by Comp. BARLOW been taken, as regards the position of the individual concerned. We notice that other correspondents have taken the same ground that Comp. BARLOW has in their comments on this case. The word *clandestine*, to which exception is taken, is given by WEBSTER as being synonymous with underhand, sly, fraudulent. Now, in the case mentioned, the man did, in a sly, fraudulent and underhand manner procure the conferring of the Chapter degrees, and hence it is fair to say that he is a clandestine Royal Arch Mason."

Comp. BOWEN's definition of the word "clandestine" hardly gives the Masonic meaning of the word. A clandestine Royal Arch Mason, as we should define him, would be one who had received the Chapter degrees in an unlawful Chapter. We can't see that the companion described is in any sense "clandestine." He was created in a lawfully constituted Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. If he made false statements, he should be disciplined for the offense; not for the manner of his making. But we guess Massachusetts will settle him without our assistance.

We quote the following tribute of affectionate remembrance from the comments of Comp. BOWEN on the death of illustrious JOHN H. BROWN, of Kansas:—

"But, alas! the hopes expressed above were not realized, and Comp. BROWN has been called to receive the reward that awaits the faithful in the life beyond. We of Massachusetts mourn his loss. He was our Grand Representative, and many of us counted JOHN H. BROWN among our personal friends. As a correspondent his abilities were of the best, and he always stood up manfully and firmly for the proper rendition of the Chapter degrees, and had no patience with those who attempt to find occasion for levity and buffoonery in the work. With our companions of Kansas we cherish his memory, and to them we proffer our sympathy."

Comp. BOWEN quotes from Comp. SCHULTZ, of Maryland, on the substitute question, and we, that means Comp. BOWEN and the writer, heartily concur therein. The following is the opinion in which "we three do agree":—

"The Royal Arch degree is simply *re-conferred* upon the substitute. He can, and in good faith, again comply with all the requirements. It certainly cannot harm a companion to have the Royal Arch degree re-conferred upon him, nor can the use of himself as a substitute lessen the value or solemnity of the ceremonies to the real candidates.

"To say that the use of a substitute in conferring the Royal Arch degree is the 'biggest farce on earth,' and in the next breath say that degree can be conferred on a blind man, is very like 'straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel.'"

Under Missouri, in commenting on the musical friction caused by the admission of sisters within [the hearing of] the veils, Comp. BOWEN says: "Let us all sing." He writes:—

"We believe in the beauty and utility of music properly introduced in the working of Masonic degrees; but in certain portions of the work we are strongly opposed to having the singing done by a quartette, though the execution of the music may be much better than where the singing is done by the congregation. But, in the work of the Mark and Most Excellent degrees, the 'Mark Master's Song' and 'Most Excellent Master's Song' should be sung by the entire congregation. The strong point of each of these degrees is, that every one is taking part in the ceremonies at the time the singing is in progress. The prime object should always be to give an effective and intelligent rendering of the degrees, and not to allow it to degenerate into the giving of a concert with the degrees thrown in as a sort of a 'chromo.'"

Under Oregon, in regard to election to office in Grand Chapter, Comp. BOWEN writes:—

"If he had read our reports for a number of years, he would have seen that in this Grand Chapter rotation in office is not the custom. As a rule, when we elect a Grand High Priest, he is re-elected until he serves three years, after which, by our Constitution, he must step down and out; but the Deputy, King and Scribe are changed each year, being chosen from among those who have proved faithful among the Craft; and thus they become permanent members of the Grand Chapter. For instance, M. E. Comp. BLAKE, to whose re-election he alludes, was elected Deputy Grand High Priest in 1885, served one year, and at the end of that time another was elected in his place; but, in 1890, he was unanimously elected Grand High Priest. Many a man may be a good and useful officer who does not aspire to the place at the head of the Grand Chapter; and not every one who is fully competent to fill one of the minor places is fitted for command."

We like your system, Comp. B. We don't believe in electing a companion Grand High Priest simply because he has been Royal Arch Captain, for we have known some poor Royal Arch Captains, and in our experience we recall many whom we have associated with as Excellent Companions, efficient and successful officers in subordinate stations, and in the Council, but without the "aptness" for a successful executive; and often the success of the organization is dependent upon a clear-headed, self-reliant Chief.

The M. E. J. GILMAN WAITE was elected Grand High Priest; the R. E. SERANUS BOWEN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

The Grand Chapter of Michigan held its forty-fourth Annual Convocation in the City of Detroit, January 17, 1893, the M. E. JOHN F. BARROWS, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. JEFFERSON S. CONOVER acting as Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest announced the serious illness of the Grand Secretary, R. E. Comp. WILLIAM P. INNES, and the assignment of Comp. CONOVER to the duties thereof during the session.

The present elegant volume of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter is embellished with two fine steel engraved portraits of the M. E. Grand High Priests, EUGENE P. ROBERTSON and JOHN F. BARROWS.

Eleven Past Grand High Priests were present and 119 chartered Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. After acknowledging their dependence upon the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, and asking his blessing upon the work of the Grand Chapter, he enjoined all to return thanks to the God of our Fathers for the mercies of the past year, reminding them that in other jurisdictions many bright lights had been extinguished, and many noble workers called from earth to the rest eternal. After naming many eminent companions whose names have been inscribed upon the death roll of the past year, and eulogizing their memories, he submitted the subject for the consideration of the proper committee for appropriate action thereon.

The Committee on Obituaries reported, and, after naming many distinguished companions who had fallen during the year, closed their report with the following beautiful language:—

"What a roll call is this, that death has made during the past year. What memories, what sorrows and grief has gathered around these names—when we stop to think of them in silent column—marching out of life into the dim and dark shadows of death, the vacancies made in charmed circles, of home and fraternal circles. As the silent column vanishes from our sight, we are made to feel and say 'there is but a step between me and death,' and we seem as we walk the path of life to feel that 'the earth rings hollow from below and warns us by its dead.'

"Companions, as we brush from our eyes the silent tear shed in deepest sympathy with the living for their dead, let us move on steadily in the duties of life, becoming daily more circumspect of what we think and say and do, for there is a phantom hand in our path that will ere long beckon us to follow these companions we mourn to-day, and when it comes God grant that we shall each be able to bring from the quarry of life, work, square work, that the Great Overseer will be willing to accept, and give as wages the welcome, 'well done, good and faithful servants, enter into the joy of thy Lord.'"

The Grand Chapter, upon motion of *M. E.* JOHN P. FISKE, Past Grand High Priest, donated \$1000 as a free will offering to the Michigan Masonic Home.

The Acting Grand Secretary was directed to send the following telegram to *R. E.* Comp. WILLIAM P. INNES, Grand Rapids:—

"You have just been unanimously re-elected. The Grand Chapter sends cordial greeting and sympathy, with prayers for your speedy recovery. J. S. CONOVER, Acting Grand Secretary."

But the almighty fiat had gone forth, "Dust thou art and unto Dust shalt thou return" and our faithful companion bowed his head and "passed under the rod."

The names of companions reported to the Grand Secretary as having died during the year and who are registered upon the death roll, numbers one hundred and seventy-five names.

The Report on Correspondence contains a review of forty-seven jurisdictions. It is presented by the *M. E.* Chairman, Comp. WILLIAM P. INNES, as the joint work of himself and *M. E.* Comp. ALLEN G. BRUCK.

In his review of Arkansas, Comp. INNES gives a decision of the Grand High Priest of Arkansas that will interest some Masonic students of California:—

"What is the proper title for the companions who occupy the stations of the first, second and third vails?

"The proper title for companions filling the stations of first, second and third vails is Master of the Vails—as Master of the First Vail, etc. This question has occasioned me no small amount of thought and consideration. This jurisdiction and many others have used and now use the title 'Grand Master' and our Grand Lecturer so teaches in the work, but it has seemed in my judgment somewhat inconsistent, and recently, upon research, I find some Grand Jurisdictions bear me out in this conclusion by deciding it should be Masters of the Vails."

In reviewing California, Comp. INNES finds much to commend in the address of *M. E.* Comp. MYRICK, mentions the exchange of greetings between Missouri and California, who are in session in Grand Chapter yearly at the same time, invokes the blessing of heaven upon us for our good work in the preliminaries of building a Widows' and Orphans' home, and, of our THOMAS he says:—

"Comp. CASWELL, as usual, submits the Report on Correspondence: Forty-seven sister jurisdictions reviewed, Michigan for 1891 among the number. Comp. CASWELL is one of the very few reporters that consider the Report on Correspondence part of the proceedings. No appendix on his plate. He wants it right in the middle, and wanting it, puts it there, and nobody dare knock the chip off his shoulder, either. We used to do that in our younger and more indiscreet years, but nearly everyone said it was not the proper thing to do, and we became satisfied finally that it was not, and now put it in as kind of an appendix with a kind of a—you may read it or not—sort of feeling."

In reviewing Connecticut he endorses Comp. BARLOW, who, in his Report, under head of Ohio, commented approvingly upon the decision of the Grand High Priest upon this question, which is plainly forcing itself upon the attention of the Craft everywhere. He says of Comp. BARLOW:—

"Under Ohio, he quotes from the address of the Grand High Priest, and particularly that part of his address referring to the decision made by him, that a companion engaged in the saloon business was guilty of unmaasonic conduct, and charges should be preferred. Comp. BARLOW thinks it is a just decision, and wishes it was enforced in every jurisdiction, to which we say amen. We do not believe in elevating any branch of Masonry through the saloon. It is bad enough in politics—a thousand, thousand times worse in Masonry."

Comp. INNES, in reviewing Delaware, writes the following humorous lines referring to a committee whose mournful duty it was soon to be, to write of him such truthful remembrances as his useful life deserved, and they would lovingly contribute to his memory. He says:—

"The printer makes our respected Comp. Chaplain F. A. BLADES appear as F. A. BLAKE, the Chairman of the Committee on Obituaries. That will never do, Comp. MOLE; Comp. BLADES is our standing Committee on Obituaries, and we want no BLAKE on our plate. Indeed, the companions of Michigan would hardly know what a report on obituaries of the Grand Chapter would be without BLADES. 'Our HUGH' and BLADES do us all up in great style when the time comes, and we are determined they shall have the credit therefor."

In his review of the District of Columbia, Comp. INNES quotes from Comp. SINGLETON's report an article containing so much information in reference to the degrees of Super-Excellent and Royal and Select Master that we presume to transfer the article to these pages for the information of our own kindred and brethren.

Under the head of Maine, Comp. SINGLETON says:—

"In regard to the 'Super-Excellent' degree having been appended to the 'Cryptic System,' as stated by us in our report of 1890, we have this to say: When we were received in the Chapter at St. Louis in 1840, in the ceremonies of the Royal Arch, representing the destruction of the Temple, some of the language now used in the Super-Excellent was then employed in the Royal Arch: hence we now infer that the first section of that degree was a part of the Royal Arch, and that the second section of the Royal Arch originally, say 1794 to 1818, was the same as the last section of the Super-Excellent now is, and that the last section of the old R. A. was our present conclusion of that degree. Such is our idea of the original Excellent-Super-Excellent-Royal-Arch degree, which was subsequently divided into our 1st, Most Excellent; 2d, Royal Arch; and 3d, Super-Excellent degrees. It is possible that in Europe, at one time, the 15th and 16th degrees of the A. A. S. R., as now worked, were incorporated in the system. This, of course, is only our conjecture, predicated upon the historical parts of these several degrees, viz: 1st, the dedication of the Temple; 2d, its destruction, and the captivity of the Jews; 3d, their condition in bondage; 4th, the return from captivity and commencement of the rebuilding of the Temple; 5th, the cessation caused by interruptions of the enemies of the Jews; 6th, the journey of Zerubabel and his companions; 7th, reception by the Persian King; and 8th, his return to Jerusalem, are all succinctly developed in the several degrees, and all are necessary for that complete development. In all of these there is a sequence and a happy conclusion in the perfection of the mysteries as explained in the Royal Arch, when all the incidents relating thereto are fully developed in the Royal Master and Select of Twenty-seven, the last degree giving a history of the deposit in the why, when, and by whom.

"In the A. A. Rite of twenty-five degrees, with the appended degrees controlled by the Inspectors, when thoroughly understood, demonstrate to us the consecutive and graduated system philosophically arranged to teach certain higher mysteries. WEBB availed himself of his knowledge of that Rite to improve the Capitular degrees for the benefit of the American Royal Arch Chapters. We feel assured that the Select degree was introduced for the first time to the Craft in Baltimore, by PHILIP ECKLES, who took the ritual of an appended degree, belonging to the Lodge of Perfection, and which was controlled by all Inspectors, of which he was, no doubt, one. The old certificate given by ECKLES to JEREMY L. CROSS, authorizing him to confer that degree upon Royal Arch Masons by the consent of the various Chapters, now in KANE Lodge Library, and of which we have

a photograph copy, has his signature with that of H. NILES. We have been enabled, through Comp. SCHULTZ, of Baltimore, to prove ECKLES' signature to be genuine, from several letters signed by ECKLES about that time and now in our possession.

"It is well known that this degree of *"Select of 27"* could not be communicated in the Ancient and Accepted Rite to any one below the fourteenth degree, and as the thirteenth degree was the 'Mason of the Royal Arch,' to reveal the secrets of a 'Select Mason' to one not a Royal Arch Mason is the same as communicating the Royal Arch to a Fellow Craft before he becomes a Master Mason; and it appears to us that every intelligent Royal Arch Mason should closely comprehend the reason why none but Royal Arch Masons should have the Select degree, which we cannot here explain. So far as the Royal degree is concerned, so it is conferred prior to the Select and after the Third degree, it does not matter—it may be before or after the Royal Arch. How it was incorporated with the Select in the Council, and *when*, we have no knowledge. Perhaps Comp. DRUMMOND in his researches may have found out about it. Our conjecture is, that when Cross started South and West on his tour as Grand Lecturer of the General Grand Chapter, and took ECKLES' certificate, he incorporated the Royal degree. We received our degrees of the Council in St. Louis, in 1841, in a Council belonging to the Grand Council of Missouri, and we always understood that these Councils had been organized by Cross during his sojourn in the West. At that time (1840-41) there was no Grand Chapter in Missouri. In 1849, at Independence, Mo., our Chapter was authorized to work these degrees *after* the Royal Arch."

Comp. INNES adds "that is good reading, Comp. SINGLETON, and everybody can understand it. No Greek dictionary necessary for that."

In reviewing Maine Comp. INNES says:—

"Comp. DRUMMOND, of course, writes and submits the Report on Correspondence. Correspondent of Maine—JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, one and the same, always and forever inseparable. Indeed, it is Maine correspondence.

"We are glad to notice that Comp. DRUMMOND, while not exactly making his report an appendix to the proceedings, gets this year within a few pages of the end. Perhaps, ere many years, he will step over the traces and do as the rest of us do.

"There are many good things and much to commend in the manner in which Comp. DRUMMOND presents his correspondence report. DRUMMOND has brains, and he can do what some others can not; but let his report be where it will, it is always read with pleasure and instruction."

Comp. INNES asks for information:—

"We notice the Committee on Jurisprudence and Dispensation recommends the granting of charters in certain localities. One of the reports recommends that 'the petition be granted, said Chapter not to take jurisdiction east of the Kennebec river.' We are at a loss to know how such a report could pass the Grand Chapter of Maine; we understand that the Constitution of this, as well as other States, fixes the geographical lines of Chapters. If such is the fact, the report of a committee of this kind could certainly have no bearing on the case. Explain, companions, explain. It seems strange to us that the old 'landmarks' should be thus rudely removed."

Under the head of Missouri Comp. INNES declares himself upon the Representative question thus:—

"Under Michigan MAYO confesses surprise at the following, under our review of Maryland, concerning the representative system:

"We in Michigan are not in the Grand Representative system, therefore we have not much to say, but we think a jurisdiction might just as well be represented by the whole United States as by one man, for all the practical use there is in it.' And then he proceeds to say that he is under the impression that *M. E.* Comp. HUGH McCURDY has or had a commission representing our (his) Grand Chapter, near the Grand Chapter of Michigan, and he is certain that he (Comp. SEYMOUR HOTT) has, or thinks he has, a commission from their Grand Chapter for ours. How is this, JOHN and 'Our HUGH?' Don't prove a cent's worth, MAYO. Perhaps you are right, but the Grand Representative system, nevertheless, is not

recognized in this State, and as for 'Our HUGH,' he is so overburdened now with honors, all of which he is justly entitled to, that he really has not had time to look over his parchments and find out whether he holds anything from Missouri. We tell you if he only did, and we recognized the system, Missouri would hear from him every year. He is a grand man and never shirks any duty; so if you haven't heard from our Hugh as your representative, rely on it it is because there has been no work to do or no way of getting his work in."

Comp. BRUCE, in his notice of Oregon, pays this tribute to our deceased *M. E.* Companion of that State:—

"How little did we think when we, this morning, began to review Oregon for 1891 that we should so soon receive the sad tidings that the hand which guided the pen, and the heart which prompted those sweet and tender utterances, were both silent in the grasp of death. There was such a sweet and fraternal spirit in all of Comp. EARRHART'S reviews that we felt a moral uplift when we read them and longed for a closer acquaintance with him. His pen was never dipped in the 'gall of bitterness' or 'crimsoned with human gore.' He was not combative nor vindictive; neither was he after any man's scalp. Let us cherish his memory and emulate his many virtues."

Comp. BRUCE says, in reviewing Virginia:—

"The Grand High Priest gave his approval to the organization of a 'camp of instruction.' It appears that the camp was organized; the Grand High Priest attended camp; representatives of seven Chapters were there; the session continued four days, and much work was done. Now this 'camp of instruction' is a new thing to us. The report does not state whether it was on a high hill, or in a low vale; in the woods, or an open field. No doubt it was a good thing and those who attended it will ever have pleasant memories respecting it. We have some vivid recollections ourself of having attended, for several months, back in 1862, a camp of instruction in Virginia."

Was your Camp of Instruction in 1862 trying to exemplify "Uniform" Work, Comp. BRUCE?

The thirty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Council of High Priesthood was held in the City of Detroit, January 17, 1893, *M. E.* GEORGE H. GREENE, President. Nine Excellent companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, being duly qualified, were elected and received the Order of High Priesthood. Convention closed.

The *M. E.* CHARLES R. BAGG was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* Comp. WILLIAM P. INNES was re-elected Grand Secretary.

A Special Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Michigan was held in the city of Grand Rapids, Sunday, August 2d, 1893,—the *M. E.* CHARLES R. BAGG, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The object of this Special Convocation was for the purpose of attending the funeral ceremonies in remembrance of the Eminent Comp. WILLIAM POWER INNES.

An eloquent address was delivered, a procession formed, and the remains of the distinguished companion accompanied to the place of interment, where they were deposited with the solemn ceremonies of the Fraternity.

The forty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Michigan was held in the city of Saginaw, January 16th, 1894,—the *M. E.* CHARLES R. BAGG, Grand High Priest, the *R. E.* JEFFERSON S. CONOVER being Grand Secretary. There were present thirteen Past Grand High Priests, and the Representatives of one hundred and twenty-four chartered Chapters.

The Grand Chapter having been opened in Ample Form, the Grand High Priest proceeded to deliver his Annual Address. After a brilliant poetical opening the

Grand High Priest refers to the unusual inroad made by death during the past year, not only in the household of Michigan, but in the National Jurisdiction. He paid a beautiful tribute to the character and patriotism of WILLIAM P. INNES, and gave expression to the feelings of the Grand Chapter upon the loss of their eminent adviser, friend and companion.

The Grand High Priest reports no new business, except such as grew out of the vacancy caused by the death of Comp. INNES. In that connection he says:—

"On the 19th of August I issued my proxy to Comp. CHARLES A. CONOVER, High Priest, requesting him to perform the very pleasing duty of installing Comp. CONOVER into his office. The ceremony took place at a regular Communication of Temple Chapter, No. 21, Royal Arch Masons, over which our esteemed companion formerly had the honor to preside. And here we have the unusual fraternal and paternal spectacle of a son, himself a High Priest of a Chapter, installing his father, a Past High Priest of the same Chapter, into a Grand Chapter office.

"All honor is due to such a Masonic family, and I trust that they may long be spared to work together in the Temples of the Craft."

Michigan seems to have found a worthy successor to the lamented WILLIAM P. INNES.

The Grand Chapter of Michigan reports 10,968 Royal Arch Masons, members of 127 chartered Chapters.

The Grand Treasurer reported on hand at close of session of 1893, \$7,785.74; receipts for year, \$6,425.90; expenditures, same period, \$7,431.18; balance in treasury, \$6,780.46.

The Grand Chapter voted \$1,000 to the Masonic Home.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, Comp. HUGH MCCURDY, Chairman, give the new Grand Secretary this elegant endorsement:—

"It gives your committee great pleasure to recommend that the action of the Grand High Priest in appointing our worthy companion, JEFFERSON S. CONOVER, Grand Secretary, meets with our unqualified approval, and should be approved by this Grand Body. A better selection could not have been made, and the work which Comp. CONOVER has presented for our inspection shows that the office so long and ably filled by our beloved INNES could not have been more worthily bestowed by the Grand High Priest."

Comp. Rev. FRANCIS A. BLADES, Chairman of Obituary Committee, submitted a mournfully eloquent report, in which he feelingly alluded to the great loss the Grand Chapter had sustained in the death of the late Grand Secretary, and, after paying suitable and well deserved tribute to his memory, recommended that a mourning page be set apart in memoriam of their absent companion and friend.

The committee also noticed fully and paid fraternal tribute to the late General Grand High Priest, JOSEPH POTTS HONOR, and the many distinguished companions of sister jurisdictions who have laid down "life's armor and passed from among the living during the year."

Subsequent to the adoption of the report of the committee, a magnificent eulogy was delivered upon the life and character of the dead Grand Secretary, WILLIAM P. INNES, by his frater, associate and friend, Past Grand High Priest HUGH MCCURDY, of which we can only give the closing lines. Although spoken in honor of a loving friend, yet it is governed by the Egyptian maxim, "that only truthful tribute should be spoken of the departed:"—

"My brothers, a fragrant sweet spirit has been gathered in the harvest. Tired, he sleeps. The pride of his State, the devotion of Freemasonry, the love of good men, the tenderness of many friends, kneels at his grave, and all who look upon it utter words of praise and blessing, and with tearful voice thank the Father of all for such a noble life. His life is one of the triumphs of our faith—a life inspired by a noble purpose to be of use to men—a life kept by the power of faith in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man—and thus a life made after the power of an *endless life*—life in holy communion with its Risen and Ascended Lord—a con-

stant offering, a continual oblation of all its powers to the highest and noblest purposes of life.

"I do not stand here to eulogize our brother; eulogies add not one syllable to one whose golden record speaks better things than silver speech. Not for him do we offer this tribute, but for ourselves.

" They mourn the dead
Who live as they desire."

"We shall most mourn our brother if we live as he would desire. The highest tribute we may offer to his memory will be to live in his spirit, his mind, his purpose of life, a life in active sympathy with men in all classes and conditions of life. No man so poor that he did not do him reverence; no voice, however feebly raised in defense of manhood, to which he did not bend a listening ear; no man or woman in life so low that he would not reach down his hand to raise up those who had fallen. The poor remember his unfailing generosity; the sorrowing, his comfortable words; those who were ready to despair cannot forget the inspiration of his faith; while many a heart is purer and braver to-day because of his kindly face and helpful words in the hour of trial and sore affliction. Freemasonry needs such sons; the church, the State, needs such men; our homes need such husbands, such fathers. These need men who by their lives will emphasize the truth that it is possible for men to carry through all the temptations of public and private life a high standard; hands as clean and hearts as tender as when they fold their loved ones to their breasts, or lay their hands upon their heads in the benediction of peace. Let us remember that our faith is not true unless it has this power in it—the power to make men true, brave, strong and faithful in all the walks of life; power to make them better sons, better husbands, fathers and citizens; power to make men gentlemen at home; to give the listening ear to human woes; to give man a face, a step, a mien, that will be to his fellow-men a benediction of hope and peace.

"Let this life so nobly lived in our sight accomplish its noblest by inspiring us all to live the lives of true manly men. I now lay upon his grave the fairest flower of memory and of hope.

"For this is love's nobility—
Not to scatter bread and gold,
Goods and raiment bought and sold;
But to hold fast his simple sense,
And speak the speech of innocence;
And with his hand and body and blood
To make his bosom counsel good.
He that feeds men serveth few;
He serves all who dares be true."

The Committee on Correspondence reported the following resolutions, which were adopted by the Grand Chapter:—

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter of Michigan recognizes the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales as a regularly formed and legally constituted Grand Chapter, and accords her a most cordial welcome into the ever-lengthened chain of Grand Chapters, and fraternally extends to her the right hand of fellowship.

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter of Michigan extends fraternal recognition to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Victoria, and gives to that body a hearty greeting and welcome into the sisterhood of Grand Chapters, and bids her Godspeed in her work of extending the principles of Capitular Masonry in that distant land."

The Grand Council of High Priesthood assembled during the session of the Grand Chapter, the M. E. TRAVERS PHILLIPS, President. Eighteen companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, being otherwise qualified, were introduced, "set apart, anointed and solemnly consecrated" to the Order of High Priesthood. A communication was presented to the Grand Council from J. W. CHAMBERLAIN, M. E., President of the Grand Council of High Priesthood of Ohio, requesting the Grand Council to unite with Ohio and other Grand Councils and send a delegate to a Convention of High Priests to be held at Topeka, Kansas.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. JEFFERSON S. CONOVER, Grand Secretary and Chairman of Committee on Correspondence. Comp. CONOVER very modestly states his "hopes and fears" upon the success of his effort to perform

the duties of his illustrious predecessor. Very well, Comp. C., you have sent us your first work. It is satisfactory to us "out west," and you shall have wages, if it exhausts the mine.

We thank you for the good opinion expressed of California and her interest in Capitular Masonry, and the kind words spoken of CASWELL and the writer. You speak of our exemplification of the work at the Annual Session, and remark "that with the array of talent interested it ought to have been rendered in a most perfect manner." It was, and will continue to be so rendered, Comp. CONOVER, at least so long as CASWELL lives and can bring his eagle eye to bear upon the works.

Comp. CONOVER endorses the provisions of our Constitution in the matter of resignations, and thinks, with us, that an officer in a Masonic body has as much right to resign as he has to die or leave the parish.

Under Kentucky he says, speaking of the Grand High Priest: "He strongly recommends that the Grand Chapter secure bonds in some trust company or corporation created for that purpose, rather than have the officer furnish the surety of some brother or friend." Comp. CONOVER adds: "We heartily agree with our esteemed companion in this matter, and insist that the plan he points out is the only business-like course to pursue."

This has been the regulation in California for some time. The bonds of Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer are furnished by an incorporation formed for that purpose. The Grand Body—Grand Lodge, Chapter or Commandery—appropriates the amount found necessary by the Finance Committee, and pays the bill. The effect is the peace of mind of the "honored elect," and the security of the funds of the Grand Body. As Bro. CONOVER tersely says, it's business sense and method—nothing more, nothing less.

A splendid half-tone portrait of Past Grand High Priest CHARLES R. BAGG adds both beauty and interest to these proceedings—beauty in the adornment of the volume, and interested curiosity to know that there lives in Michigan so fine a specimen of the handsome Mason.

The *M. E.* JAMES H. CUMMINS was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* JEFFERSON S. CONOVER was elected Grand Secretary

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Detroit, January 15, 1895.

MINNESOTA.

The Grand Chapter of Minnesota held its thirty-second Annual Convocation at St. Paul, October 10th, 1893,—the *M. E.* ISAAC P. DUFFEE, Grand High Priest, the *R. E.* THOMAS MONTGOMERY, Grand Secretary. There were present nine Past Grand High Priests, two Past Deputy Grand High Priests, one Past Grand King, and the Representatives of forty-five chartered Chapters.

The usual committees were appointed and the Grand Chapter opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest congratulated the assembled companions upon the abundant prosperity and the steady advancement of Capitular Masonry.

He announced the death of very many eminent companions in Minnesota, as well as a large number of their companions of sister jurisdictions. Of their own dead he gave detailed information, and paid feeling tribute to their memories. Of Comp. HONOR and the illustrious dead of other jurisdictions, he joined the companions of every other State in honoring their useful lives, and in sorrowful regret over their departure.

Under decisions the Grand High Priest reported but one, and that being of local importance only, we do not quote it.

The M. E. NATHAN KINGSLEY, General Grand Master of Third Vail of the General Grand Chapter, and M. E. CHARLES J. KRUEGER, Past Grand High Priest of Michigan, were received as visitors.

A portrait of M. E. ISAAC P. DURFEE prefaces this volume, and a portrait of Past Grand High Priest ORVILLE G. MILLER, deceased, prefaces the report of the Committee on Obituaries.

The High Priests of Minnesota assembled in Convention at St. Paul, October 23d, for the purpose of conferring the Order of High Priesthood, Comp. THOMAS MONTGOMERY, President. Thirteen companions, who had been elected High Priests of their respective Chapters, having the prerequisites, were introduced, anointed and consecrated High Priests. The Convention closed in due form.

The Report on Correspondence was submitted by Comp. THOMAS MONTGOMERY. It reviews the legislation of fifty Grand Bodies, and is a fair condensation of the Capitular business of the year under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. The statistical tables prepared and published by Comp. M. are alone a mine of information and useful knowledge, prepared for convenient reference.

Under Alabama Comp. M. comments on a decision rendered, to the effect that suspension in the Lodge operates as suspension from all privileges in the Chapter, and says the punishment is too severe for the offense.

Well, Comp. M., we believe in organization and order, and if necessary to sacrifice a limb to save the body, the limb must go. We think the object and purpose of our organization is for the purpose of giving rather than receiving. To attain this purpose liabilities in the form of dues are voluntarily assumed by the initiate, and the health and strength of the entire fabric rests upon the fulfillment of this agreement. Should disease or poverty overtake him in his life's journey, his inability to pay has only to be made known to excuse him therefrom, for a brother so afflicted never should be, and seldom is, suspended, and then to him comes the benefit of prompt payment by the brotherhood.

During the thirty and more years of the operation of this law in California, suspensions for non-payment of dues have been reduced to the minimum. The effect also is good in preventing non-affiliation, for a California made Mason is reminded in every advance he undertakes that his first allegiance is due to his Lodge; that upon his Lodge standing all his Masonic hopes depend. With all due deference, Comp. M., we think the non-payment of dues a Masonic offense, and for that offense suspension is not too severe.

Under California Comp. M. notices the death of our dear old Frater, Doctor ISAAC S. TITUS, and quotes from the Address of Grand High Priest WILLIAM B. DAVIS approvingly.

Under Colorado we are glad to note the dissent of Comp. MONTGOMERY from the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction. If any other quarry can find use for stones not seemingly fitted for our builders, let them try, and possibly they may save from the rubbish a specimen of great value to our spiritual building.

Under Nebraska, in noticing the Grand High Priest's remark about the non-payment of dues, Comp. MONTGOMERY gives a practical truth in these few words: "But in our judgment the delinquency of members is as much attributable to the neglect of the Secretary in annually collecting same, 'or at least trying to,' by personal request, as from any other cause." Will our companion, who has the honor to be chosen by his Chapter to direct its fortunes for the ensuing year, paste those few lines in his hat, and thereby save himself much tribulation and earn for himself the much coveted title of "the best executive we ever had."

Under Michigan Comp. MONTGOMERY quotes a decision of the Grand High Priest in a matter which is liable to arise in the business proceedings of any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, to wit:—

“First—A brother Master Mason petitions for the degrees in our Chapter, the ballot is passed and the High Priest announces the brother entitled to another ballot. Question. Have the companions the privilege to make any remarks before continuing the ballot a second time?

“Answer. No. If only one black ball appears the High Priest may order another ballot to avoid a possible mistake. There should be no remarks made unless by the High Priest, and then only a few words of caution to the companions.”

The committee who reviewed the decisions of the Grand High Priest non-concurred in the above for reasons assigned in this report, Comp. HUGH McCURDY being chairman of the committee:—

“First—Your committee cannot concur in this decision, as we believe that it is proper to have the Chapter informed fully regarding the standing, reputation and qualifications of a candidate for whom they are about to deposit their ballot. In small towns, where candidates are well known, but little need be said; but in large cities, for instance, like Detroit, with only two Chapters, and a population of 210,000, it is not fair to presume that the companions know the applicants personally, and the only method of ascertaining their standing as men and their qualifications for the degrees is through information derived in the Chapter-room regarding the qualifications for the favors sought. The report of the committee appointed to ascertain the fitness of material is meager, not satisfactory, and if the companions cannot be informed of their standing as men and citizens, the result would most likely be a liberal use of the black ball, and, perhaps, the rejection of worthy material, which might be obviated had suitable information been given regarding the candidates. Your committee recommend that this decision be not approved.”

Comp. MONTGOMERY says, “before a ballot is taken it may be well enough for one or two to ask for information concerning the identity or antecedents of a candidate, but after one ballot is taken we think the decision of the Grand High Priest was right.” And so say we. It seems to us that the report of the committee is a reflection upon the Committees of Investigation in that neighborhood. The committee in question is a very eminent one, but we do not think that even they can sustain that report.

That the Chapter should be fully informed, goes without saying, and as to the means of information, we are confident that no other course taken can equal in satisfactory thoroughness the fairly performed duties of a Committee of Investigation. The field is before them, and that information is obtained without passion or prejudice.

Once admit the right to discuss the merits or demerits of a candidate, upon the holding of a ballot, and the trouble is upon us. No, with all due deference to the M. E. HUGH McCURDY, Chairman, we won't concur.

Under Maine Comp. MONTGOMERY quotes this among other things of Comp. DRUMMOND. He says he (Comp. DRUMMOND), under Massachusetts, enunciates this correct principle: “Clandestine work cannot be done by a regular Masonic body.” This in criticism of the action of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts in the JORDAN case, and also applying where a rejected candidate, still a resident of Maine, goes to a foreign jurisdiction and gets his degrees. In cases like the latter the brother cannot visit any Lodge in Maine, or be recognized, unless the Grand Master or Grand Lodge shall otherwise order in any particular case.

The M. E. WM. P. JEWETT was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. THOMAS MONTGOMERY was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next (33d) Annual Convocation will be held at St. Paul, October 9, 1894.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Grand Chapter of Mississippi held its forty-fifth Annual Convocation in the city of Natchez, February 7th, 1893,—the *M. E.* PHINKAS M. SAVERY, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *E.* Comp. J. L. POWER being Grand Secretary. Six Past Grand High Priests and thirteen Grand Representatives were present. Thirty-four chartered Chapters and one under dispensation were represented.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, which he commenced by "giving thanks unto the Lord, for he is the Lord *our God* and his mercy endureth forever."

He referred to the death of the General Grand High Priest, presenting him as a character worthy of emulation, and an example of fidelity and faithful friendship. He also reported the death of *E.* Comp. A. P. BARRY, late Grand Treasurer, eulogizing his memory as one especially remembered for his faithful discharge of duty.

The Grand High Priest made mention of the distinguished dead of sister jurisdictions, mourning with those who mourn the loss of companions, brethren and friends.

In the discharge of his executive duties Comp. SAVERY has the happy faculty of suggesting to a dodger of fraternal duties that, though possibly avoiding conviction through the omission of the local law, yet he might and probably would "get hurt" under the general provisions of the Universal Masonic Code. For example, under decisions:—

"1. Substitutes allowed by General Grand Chapter—permitted by Grand Chapter of Mississippi, in cases of emergency. High Priest of Chapter sole judge of emergency and responsible for abuse of his power to Grand Chapter.

"2. There is no limit to number of substitutes a High Priest in his discretion may allow. He is only circumscribed by his O. B. as a R. A. M.

"3. General Grand Chapter requires petitioner for Capitular Degrees to be an affiliated Master Mason before he can be advanced or exalted; but there is no law in Mississippi that requires a R. A. Mason to remain an affiliated Master Mason after his exaltation. Nevertheless, take away the foundation and the building is in imminent danger of a fall. A R. A. Mason who is unaffiliated Master Mason, is like unto a soldier in battle, who has a gun but no ammunition—good to count one in *show*, but worthless in *conflict*.

"4. There is no special statute or regulation of the Grand Chapter that positively prohibits a companion from engaging in saloon keeping as principal or employe, but under the statutes of the *M. W.* Grand Lodge of Masons of Mississippi, the act is prohibited under severe penalties. As a non-affiliated Master Mason is liable to charges, trial, conviction, and penalty in Lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides, and it is impossible to remove beyond the jurisdiction of some Lodge, and as the sentence of such a Lodge would most effectually settle his status, not only as a M. M. but as a R. A. M., we fraternally suggest the old lesson of 'edge tools' as applicable to the case."

The Grand High Priest issued the following circular December 1st, 1892:—

"To the High Priests of Chapters specially and Royal Arch Masons in Mississippi generally."

"Desiring to obtain as much insight into the warp and woof of Royal Arch Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction as possible, I fraternally solicit an early response to the several interrogatories herein propounded, at the same time not only inviting but earnestly soliciting any suggestions that may be fraternally submitted, looking to the prosperity of the Royal Craft in Mississippi:

"1. How many Stated Convocations held this year?

"2. How many special?

"3. How many degrees conferred this year?

"4. How many Masons elected to receive degrees?

"5. How many companions in your Chapter qualified to confer the several degrees and give lectures without the aid of text-book or monitor?

"6. How many can perform the work and give the lectures with aid of a text-book or monitor?

"7. How many High Priests in Chapter who have not received the Orders of High Priesthood?

"8. Is the Chapter provided with the robes and other paraphernalia for conferring degrees?

"9. How many non-affiliate Royal Arch Masons in your jurisdiction who are affiliated Master Masons?

"10. Give names of deceased companions (if any) of 1891, and please include date of death.

"11. What are the annual dues of the Chapter?

"12. What amount is usually paid out annually for charity?

"13. Is your Chapter in favor of the speedy erection of a Masonic Home in Mississippi, and will they promise to give to it both moral and material support?

"14. Can you suggest any measure to be adopted by the Grand Chapter to give prosperity to Royal Arch Masonry in Mississippi?

"15. Kindly give suggestions as to measures to be adopted by Subordinate Chapters or individual Royal Arch Masons, looking to greater and permanent interest in the Fraternity.

"We fraternally request that a response to this circular letter may be sent us on or before the 31st day of December, this year, including the work of the present Masonic year. We hope to meet with next Grand Chapter in Natchez, on the second Tuesday of February, 1893, and trust your Chapter will be represented, and that each officer and delegate of the Grand Chapter can realize that the Grand Convocation of 1893 will be one of the best and most profitable ever held in Mississippi."

"The Grand High Priest makes the following observations upon the replies received:—

"Thirty Chapters have responded to the queries propounded in last circular. A large majority of those reporting are enjoying unusual prosperity, and we feel well assured that the returns in office of Grand Secretary will show a large increase in numerical strength.

"It is the Chapters whose officers can perform the Work and give the Lectures that are prospering. Every Chapter that has expended ten dollars for Masonic Light has been amply repaid, and in some instances two hundred fold.

"Among the suggestions made looking to greater interest in Capitular Masonry are the following: 'Require the officers to learn the Work or step down and out.' 'Proficiency in Work.' 'Acknowledge principles and acquire practical knowledge of the Work.' 'Let no High Priest be installed unless he is competent to perform the Adopted Work and give Lectures in full.' 'Regular attendance; one thoughtless absentee prevents a meeting for want of a quorum.' 'If possible, get all the old men out of office, and elect young ones who will promise to fill them and have brains enough to carry out their good intentions.' 'Expel every R. A. Mason who gets drunk and uses profane language in his every day conversation and suspend charter of all Chapters that neglect or refuse to bring offenders to trial.

"Masonic Lecturers should stir up the Craft on the subject of Masonic Home.

"Except in cities there should be but one Chapter in a county."

After this gentle stirring up he submits his work for the consideration of the Grand Chapter.

The following was adopted:—

"Resolved, That this Grand Chapter hereby recognizes the Grand Chapter of Victoria and extends cordial greetings."

The following statistics are taken from the report of the Grand Secretary: Exalted, 122; affiliated, 21; reinstated, 5; dimitted, 20; died, 15; suspended for dues, 47; total membership, 1174.

We clip the following from the interesting report of the Committee on Capitular Law, by M. E. Companions SPEED, PAXTON and MURRY:—

"4. We are in hearty sympathy with the proposition that a Royal Arch Mason should be a member of a Lodge, and a candidate ought also, but we do not understand that the resolution of the General Grand Chapter is mandatory; it simply declares a principle which is to be found in Section 38, of our own Regulations, which not only declares 'membership in a Chapter *should* be dependent upon and co-existent with membership in a Lodge of Master Masons,' but prohibits non-affiliated Master Masons from receiving the Chapter degrees. We do not think it advisable to add anything to our law on the subject, for it may be that there is sometimes a good reason why a Royal Arch Mason should not want to remain in affiliation with a Symbolic Lodge, but it must be remembered that the law of the Grand Lodge cuts all such off most effectually, by declaring that all non-affiliates who do not contribute to the support of the Lodge under whose jurisdiction they reside, shall not be permitted to 'associate with the regular members of the Lodge,' which cuts them out, also, as Chapter Masons. Now if a Chapter member desires to pay Lodge dues without receiving the benefits of Lodge membership, we don't see that he is doing any one but himself an injury. We do not recommend that any change be made in our Regulations.

"5. We concur in the statement of the Grand High Priest to the effect that Royal Arch Masonry and saloon keeping in Mississippi are not compatible. Under the law of the Grand Lodge no Mason, of any degree, can engage in the business of selling liquors to be used as a beverage.

"6. Who of you, who are here to-day, were here five years ago? A score, yes, perhaps, but no more. Who of us will be here five years hence? Who of all those whose names we honor, and towards whom we cherish the warmest affection, will rise in their places and respond when roll of Grand Representatives is called for five years hence? Very few! Before then the Angel of Death will have come and laid his icy fingers on many a heart and stilled its beating forever. The Roll of Grand Representatives five years ago, contained twenty-three names, of whom PRIESTLEY, PATTON, BOWEN, BARRY and Richards have passed through the veil and entered into their Father's house. Give eternal rest unto them, oh Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen. Whether we will or not, the Reaper will continue to reap, and five years will revise the roll without any action of ours. The Grand High Priest is mistaken in regard to the term of Grand Representatives having been changed in 1890. By a reference to page 12 of the proceedings of that year, it will be seen that a change from five to three years was *recommended*, but the committee which recommended the change introduced no amendment to section 43, which governs the matter, and the proposal died of inanition.

"7. We approve the other acts of the Grand High Priest, which we referred for the consideration of this committee, and recommend that they be concurred in by the Grand Chapter.

"The distinguished zeal, the care and painstaking labor applied to the discharge of the duties of the office by the retiring Grand High Priest, merit the special recognition of the Grand Chapter. His decisions evince not only Masonic learning, but the Masonic discretion which aims at the end to be attained, for which purpose the high powers of this office were lodged in an individual brother, *to be made use of* during the recess of the Grand Chapter, for the general good, in emergencies not to be foreseen or legislated against. Our Most Excellent Companion has shown that he believed he had some useful purpose to perform, and we are happy in saying that he has discharged that purpose with intelligence, fidelity to principle and zeal for the common good of the Royal Craft, which will ever render his name distinguished amongst the long list of illustrious men who have honored the East of this Grand Chapter."

M. E. Comp. SAVERY presented the Report on Correspondence, being a review of the proceedings of forty-one Grand Chapters.

He gives California favorable notice, compliments M. E. Comp. MYRICK on "the big chunks of wisdom" given out in his address, and says of M. E. Comp. THOMAS H. CASWELL:—

"Past Grand High Priest THOMAS H. CASWELL furnished the usual first-class feast on Correspondence. Mississippi was one of the forty-five Grand Jurisdictions whose proceedings were reviewed. Extracts from address of Grand High Priest TRIGG, and from our Report on Correspondence; copies our conclusion on subject of Masonic Home.

"Under Maine, he says, 'Comp. DRUMMOND was correct in his comments on our 'talk back' about rights to degrees, etc; overrules our demurrer,' etc.

"Well, we are not convinced, even with two veterans opposed to us. We are truly sorry Comp. CASWELL has retired from the role of Reporter, but we are all *growing old* rapidly and soon must quit *volens nolens*. As he is still Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer, he will continue to do good work for the Craft, and leave the impress of an expert Master on all the material that he brings up for the building."

Under Iowa Comp. SAEVY writes:—

"The Grand Chapter has a Board of Custodians consisting of three members. This Board holds School of Instruction for two days preceding annual meeting of Grand Chapter, and at same place of the Grand Convocation.

"Under the head of Cryptic Masonry, we find that the proposition to dissolve the merger was defeated, notwithstanding a majority of the Chapters in correspondence were in favor of it. We understand how that was done, for it is but a repetition of the work of eleven years in Mississippi, when the *unnaturalized* (?) were allowed to vote."

We understand the Custodian, but what in the mischief is an "unnaturalized merger."

The Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held February 7, 1893, M. E. President ROBERT B. BRANNIN presiding. The death of E. Comp. A. P. BARRY was announced and a proper tribute to his memory ordered prepared for the proceedings. Eight High Priests received the Order of High Priesthood. The Recorder was directed to publish the names of all living companions who had received the Order. Convention closed.

The M. E. J. K. McLEOD was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. J. L. POWER was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Holly Springs during the second week in February, 1894, on such day as the Grand High Priest may designate.

MISSOURI

The Grand Chapter of Missouri held its forty-sixth Annual Convocation in the city of St. Louis, April 27th, 1893,—the M. E. JOHN R. PARSONS, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. WILLIAM H. MAYO being Grand Secretary. There were present fifteen Past Grand High Priests, twenty-four Grand Representatives, and the Representatives of eighty-one chartered Chapters, together with twenty-four Past High Priests, not Representatives or Grand Officers.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. After invoking the blessing of the great I Am upon their labors, he makes this declaration:—

"I consider the duty of the Grand High Priest to be executive or administrative, to carry out the law, and not to make or to try to find some way to circumvent or defeat it. For this reason I have declined to grant dispensations to receive petitions from Master Masons who had not resided in the State twelve months, to ballot out of time, to receive petitions at special meetings, and to do divers and sundry other things which the law forbids, but which some companions seem to think the Grand High Priest can do at his own sweet will, law or no law.

"I declined to grant a dispensation to elect a King in place of one who had died, as our law does not allow an officer to resign or die during his official term."

The Grand High Priest refers in eloquent words and with much feeling to the great loss sustained by Capitular Masonry in the death of the M. E. Comp. JOSEPH POTTS HORNOR, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. He speaks from a personal acquaintance of twenty years, and pays tribute to his manly qualities of head and heart.

He also deploras the loss to the Masonic world of that bright and shining light, the gifted and faithful M. E. Comp. JOHN H. BROWN, of Kansas. He was deservedly honored by the Masons of Kansas and in honoring him they honored them-

selves. When the Grand High Priest says, "he was a living example of what a Mason ought to be," he fills the measure of eulogy with his highest praise.

The Grand High Priest speaks as follows of the progress of Capitular Masonry in Missouri:—

"Capitular Masonry in Missouri has never been more prosperous than during the last year. The degrees have been lifted from the position of mere stepping-stones to other organizations to that of interesting and instructive lessons in Masonry. Instead of the meetings being attended by a few companions, who merely went from a sense of duty, they are now large and enthusiastic gatherings, and looked forward to with interest and pleasure. The Chapters have been doing a large amount of work, and such an interest has been aroused in the minds of Master Masons who desire more light that the prospects for the future are of the brightest."

The Grand High Priest gives hearty thanks to the Free and Accepted Masons of Missouri for their unstinted liberality in sustaining the establishment of a Masonic Home within their borders, and that it is placed beyond the possibility of failure.

The By-Laws of the Grand Chapter were amended to make the Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Principal Sojourner, and Grand Royal Arch Captain, elective instead of appointed Grand Officers, as at present.

The Grand Treasurer reported balance on hand, commencement of year, \$4,530.29; receipts for year, \$7,486.00; disbursements during year, \$5,092.50; balance on hand, April 27, 1893, \$6,923.79.

The Committee on Grievance reported that, as usual, the evil was unknown in Missouri.

The four principal officers of the Grand Chapter were appointed a committee to act in conjunction with a similar committee from the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Missouri, to secure a suitable office for the Grand Secretary, with power to act. We congratulate the R. E. WILLIAM H. MAYO (in advance) upon becoming the possessor of the finest "headquarters" in the great West.

The companions forming the procession of the dead, entered upon the Register of the Grand Chapter of Missouri for the year, number 113.

This Correspondent represents the Grand Chapter of Missouri near the Grand Chapter of California.

The Convention of Anointed High Priests of the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Missouri assembled on the evening of April 26th, 1893,—the M. E. THOMAS E. GARNETT, President, presiding. Fourteen E. companions, who had been elected High Priests of their respective Chapters and otherwise duly qualified, received the Order of High Priesthood. The fee in this jurisdiction, as in California, is five dollars. The President announced the deaths that had occurred during the year and stated that proper action would be taken in Grand Chapter on the morrow. The Convention closed in solemn form.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by WM. H. MAYO (veteran), who reports a review of the transactions of forty Grand Chapters of the United States, and of Canada, Nova Scotia and Quebec.

Comp. MAYO commences with California. The Address of M. E. Comp. MYNICK he pronounces "sound advice," and says it should be heeded by his companions. He pays our Grand High Priest the compliment of freely quoting from it.

Comp. MAYO calls us to account for the suspension of a companion from all his rights and privileges, for no offense, without his knowledge or the knowledge of the Grand Chapter, and observes that if our law permits such unjust judgment, "amendments are in order."

The law of California, Comp. MAYO, provides that forfeiture of charter involves the suspension of its members from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, except those who may be specially exempted from such effect.

The case of *Lakeport* Chapter was an aggravated one, and the revocation of its charter was made by the Grand Chapter, in Annual Convocation, for "contempt of its orders and regulations."

The omission of the companion to apply for exemption from the penalties resulting from the revocation was a neglect of duty—a duty he owed to himself. We hold that the duties of member to Chapter and Grand Chapter, and from Grand Chapter and Chapter to member, are reciprocal. It is difficult to frame a general law and make it applicable to every exceptional case that may arise under it. The companion, by his own neglect, permitted himself to rest under censure until the circumstances were brought to the attention of the Grand Chapter, when he was at once set aright.

Comp. MAYO compliments Comp. CASWELL, Grand Secretary, on his report, as usual.

In reviewing Delaware and the resolution adopted by that Grand Chapter, "That the High Priests of the several subordinate Chapters be allowed to open and close the three first degrees in their respective Chapters in a short way, if they should find it necessary," Comp. MAYO comments:—

"They will generally find it necessary. In five years from now the Chapters will have forgotten the opening and closing ceremonies of the 'three first degrees.'"

In reviewing Florida he pays this eloquent tribute to the late R. E. Comp. DEWITT C. DAWKINS:—

"R. E. Comp. D. C. DAWKINS, Grand Secretary, was also Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, and for years past had prepared the reports. Since the proceedings were published, a newspaper report has reached us that Comp. DAWKINS is no longer in the land of the living. The warm-hearted, generous Mason whom all men loved, will meet and mingle with us in this earthly tabernacle no more. He was a ripe Masonic scholar, a true Mason, and a thorough gentleman. But his eloquent lips are dumb, his ready pen is laid aside. No more will he be heard to counsel, to cheer, to warn. But he did not live in vain. Masonry in Florida and in the United States will long feel his influence for good. 'The world is better that he lived.'"

In reviewing Iowa he mentions the statement made by Comp. THOS. R. ESKANBRACK, "that the Masons of Iowa are indifferent concerning those degrees, and do not read their history very carefully," and adds that "not a voice in our State demands their continuance in any other manner than is now being done."

Comp. MAYO responds as follows:—

"We cannot wonder that 'the Masons of Iowa are indifferent concerning those degrees,' when we reflect that both giver and receiver know that the work is unauthorized and will nowhere be received or accepted as legitimate. Under such circumstances the performance must be tame, lifeless, spiritless. Nor is it to be supposed that the one hundred and five Chapters in Iowa are prepared or would prepare themselves for a proper rendition of the work, or furnish themselves with the necessary furniture and paraphernalia. We imagine our companions of the Cryptic Rite in Iowa are much in the same condition as the English lady who, having lived all her life amid the fogs and in the smoky atmosphere of London, inquired of a Parsee from Persia how he could possibly worship the sun. 'Oh, madam,' he replied, 'you ought to see him once.'"

In his review of Kansas we find this beautiful reference to Comp. JOHN H. BROWN:—

"The Report on Correspondence is, as usual, by the veteran reviewer JOHN H. BROWN. The report is one of his best. It is also his last. The 'teeming brain' through which the spirit wrought such glowing fancies, the warm heart through whose throbbing pulsations they were transmitted to purest gold, and the 'skillful hand' which placed them on perpetual record, are alike still and silent in the grave. But he has left us more than a memory. He has left us the example of a brave, conscientious and upright man. He was a man of tireless energy, of sterling hon-

esty, with great natural and acquired abilities. He had drank deep of the fountain of knowledge in Freemasonry, and the impress which he made and has left on every department of the Order in Kansas will outlast any monument of marble which his brethren and companions may erect to his memory."

In his review of Maryland he quotes Comp. SCHULTZ as saying :—

"We have no objections to urge to the suspension of a brother or companion for willful neglect or refusal to pay dues, when *able to do so*, 'after due trial and a vote by the Craft,' but to deprive a brother of the rights of the Fraternity by a standing resolution, *for any cause*, it is hardly necessary for us to say, does not, nor ever can, meet our approbation."

And Comp. MAYO comments as follows :—

"We heartily agree with the above, provided we understand what he means by 'due trial.' In Missouri a bill is sent to the delinquent companion of his dues. If, after a specified time, he fails to respond, a notice is sent to him to appear at a designated time, and show cause why he should not be suspended. If he pays his dues before the designated period, or at any time before suspension, that stops all further proceedings in the case. At the time set for hearing, the Secretary, as a witness, states the amount due, and that the delinquent has received lawful notice. He may plead that he does not owe the amount, or that he has paid it, which plea, after hearing evidence, the Chapter would determine. He may plead poverty and ask a remission of the dues, or ask for an extension of time in which to pay them. No Chapter would refuse the one or the other request, if *half-way* satisfied that he spoke the truth. Or he may, if he so chooses, treat the whole proceedings with contempt. In no case can he be suspended except by a majority vote of the Chapter. After having put the Chapter to all this trouble, he can in less than five minutes *restore himself* by handing to the Secretary the amount for which he was suspended. We think this a 'fair trial.'"

We think the above procedure good practice, answering fully the demand for a "fair trial."

The M. E. Comp. ALLAN McDOWELL was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. WILLIAM H. MAYO was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next (the 47th) Convocation of this Grand Chapter will be held in Kansas City, on the 26th of April, 1894.

MONTANA.

The Grand Chapter of Montana held its fourth Annual Convocation in the city of Helena, October 9th, 1893,—the M. E. ANTHONY H. BARRETT, Grand High Priest, the R. E. CORNELIUS HEDGES, Grand Secretary. There were present one Past Grand High Priest, thirteen Grand Representatives, and the Representatives of ten chartered Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

Memorial resolutions were adopted in memory of the late General Grand High Priest, M. E. JOSEPH POTTS HORNOR.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, after returning thanks to God for his ever watchful care. He speaks with sorrow of the effect of the great financial panic upon the fortunes of Montana, predicting, however, in the near future, in their pure air, almost perpetual sunshine and invigorating climate, speedy restoration to prosperity and progress. He says the frequent messages of sorrow from other jurisdictions have caused them to sympathize with all in their bereavements.

He says his official acts have hardly been sufficient to remind him of his position.

The Grand Chapter made an appropriation for the purpose of being represented at the Convocation of the General Grand Chapter at Topeka.

The Grand Chapter of Montana declines any further exchange of Representatives with other Grand Bodies.

The following resolution was adopted :—

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter of Montana place on record a permanent request that every Chapter of its jurisdiction be officially visited and its work and records be inspected, and that this duty be devolved upon the first four principal officers, who shall divide this duty among themselves as early as possible, and notify the Chapters assigned to each for visitation."

We indorse that resolution as practical and beneficial. It will have a better effect upon the "official staff" of Montana than the distribution of good fat salaries.

A fine portrait of *M. E.* ANTHONY H. BARRETT precedes the opening page of this volume.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by the *R. E.* Comp. CORNELIUS HEDGES, Grand Secretary. In his opening Comp. HEDGES reviews briefly the opening preliminary work of establishing the Grand Chapter of Montana, and follows with a sketch of the business connection between Montana and the General Grand Chapter.

He reviews California, gives complimentary notice to Comp. MYRIOS's Address, our committee's report on Regulation 21, aid to Masonic Home enterprise, and the general tenor of our legislation.

Under Iowa he has found a "jolly good review" of Correspondence by Comp. ECKENBACK, who has never yet heard of Montana, though by some means Arizona seems to have arrested his attention, and Comp. HEDGES says if he, "ECKENBACK, doesn't look a little out, he will set their Grand Representative on him." What a fearful revenge!

Under Maine he pays this deserved compliment to Comp. DRUMMOND:—

"Comp. DRUMMOND has written more Masonic reports than anybody, and he seems to write for pleasure. Certainly no one ever wrote more good reports, though we cannot always accept his conclusions. We are glad to find him on the side of opening the Chapter on the degree on which there is work. Comp. DRUMMOND is too charitable to non-affiliates. We reserve ours for the honest and faithful laborers in the vineyard. We never thought it was a square deal to give the penny to one who came to work at the eleventh hour, but to give the penny of Masonic rights and privileges to one who does not come at all, seems to us an injustice to the faithful and a premium on fraud."

In reviewing Tennessee, speaking of Frater CONNOR, he says:

"We are with him heartily in his views on physical perfection. We would confine it to as narrow a field as possible, and say that it has no place at all in the Chapter. But we cannot agree upon the propriety of throwing open our Chapters to non-affiliated Blue Lodge Masons. If unaffiliated for causes within their own control, we do not hold them in good standing. When it did not cost anything to support Masonry, affiliation mattered little, but now it is essential to avoid the opprobrium of being a drone or a sneak. The man who wants honors or profits of any kind without deserving them or doing his share to earn them is a fraud."

The *M. E.* P. H. POINDEXTER was elected Grand High Priest, and *R. E.* CORNELIUS HEDGES was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next (5th) Annual Convocation will be held in Billings, on Monday preceding the third Wednesday in September, 1894.

NEBRASKA.

The Grand Chapter of Nebraska held its twenty-seventh Annual Convocation in the city of York, December 13th, 1893,—the *M. E.* ROBERT E. FRENCH, Grand High Priest, the *R. E.* WILLIAM R. BOWEN being Grand Secretary. There were present four Past Grand High Priests, fifteen Grand Representatives, and the Representatives of thirty-one chartered Chapters.

After the opening of the Grand Chapter the companions were welcomed by the Grand High Priest, and thanks returned to the Supreme Intelligence which guides and protects us through our earthly pilgrimage.

He read from the death roll the names of twenty-two companions who have gone through the dark valley and have passed to eternal rest, and after paying affectionate and earnest tribute to their memories, recommended that memorial pages be set apart in the proceedings of the year in remembrance of their many virtues. He also noticed the death of the many eminent companions of sister jurisdictions who have been relieved from their earthly burdens and are at rest forever.

No new decisions of law were made by the Grand High Priest.

The matter of Grand Representatives, he says, has caused a large amount of correspondence, and is not satisfactory. We assure our M. E. companion of Nebraska that they are, at least, favored with a live Representative near California in our Past Grand High Priest, Comp. BENJAMIN F. TUTTLE, who never neglects to fully discharge the duties of any station assumed by him. There seems to be much complaint in some quarters about the Representative system, and assertions are volunteered of its utter uselessness. This honorary position, for it certainly is an honorable trust to be named as the Representative of so eminent a body as a Grand Lodge, Chapter or Commandery of Masons, near another body of equal rank and importance. The system has become universal, is of recognized importance in the Masonic world, and is generally provided for in the code of laws of Masonic Grand Bodies. The objections urged are of so trivial a nature as not to deserve consideration, for if neglect to discharge the duties of an assumed station were any argument for the abolition of the law creating the station, we would have many and frequent changes in our form of government. The neglect to acknowledge so honorable an appointment as Representative of a Masonic Grand Body, and perform the duties he is privileged to have assigned him as such Representative, is proof that the appointee did not merit the distinction conferred upon him, and he should have been invited by competent authority to step down and out.

The Grand High Priest closes his Address with an acknowledgment of aid and assistance from a well known builder of reputation in the West for acts of charity and pure beneficence. He says:—

"I have attempted no great reforms, nor have I indulged in pyrotechnical displays of authority. I have simply endeavored to pilot the Royal Craft in smooth waters to a safe harbor. While the voyage has not been uneventful, yet the elements have been kind, and I can truthfully say there is not a spar missing. And while I am under lasting obligations to every companion of this Grand Chapter, to every officer in charge, there is one with whom I have labored in the official duties of Grand Master and Grand High Priest, one whom by his many years of experience and devotedness to the interests of the Royal Craft has well fitted him as the counselor and support of the presiding officer—be he Grand Master, Grand High Priest or Grand Commander—that one is our Comp. WILLIAM R. BOWEN.

"Dear brother and companion, your name and your memory will live in every heart and be embalmed in the bosoms of Masons yet unborn. We do appreciate your worth, your zeal, your integrity and your honor, and believe your distinguished merit will receive its due reward. May you still continue a long and lasting blessing to the Royal Craft; long have I witnessed your unshaken attachment to its every interest, long your indefatigable exertions for the advancement of human happiness. You are endeared to us by every tie which entwines the hearts of kindred beings."

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported, approving of the suggestion of the Grand High Priest upon the great importance of the attendance of High Priests elect upon the meetings of the Grand Chapter to receive the Order of High Priesthood.

The committee who had under consideration the death roll of the year presented an eloquent and fraternal memorial of their deceased companions.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood assembled in Convention December 13th, 1893,—the M. E. SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON, President. The Recorder reported having issued twelve certificates of anointing during the year. Twelve companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, and otherwise qualified, were elected, admitted, anointed and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood, Convention closed.

Comp. CHARLES J. PHELPS presents the Report on Correspondence, giving a thorough review of the legislation of forty-eight Grand Bodies of Capitular Masons. The report is a faithful, comprehensive statement of the progress and present condition of Royal Arch Masonry in our country and its immediate neighbors.

It becomes very evident as we complete our examination of volume after volume of our proceedings that there are no grave questions agitating that part of our Masonic system pertaining to Capitular Masonry. Our Grand Chapters are gaining wisdom with age, and steadily acquiring influence and financial responsibility. Their acts of organized charity are more frequent and the general desire to "aid and assist" in the good work of rebuilding the spiritual city and house of the Lord is manifest in general legislation and individual example.

It is so seldom that we hear a good word spoken for the Past Master's degree that we quote from Comp. PHELPS' review of Alabama the following to give it our unqualified approval:—

"It was an inspiration that caused the fathers of Masonry of the United States to include that degree. It is one of the most beautiful and impressive degrees in Masonry, and its symbolic teachings are unapproachable."

We have seen statesmen, men of education and political experience, receive that degree, and heard from them expressions of admiration for its practical methods of inculcating the lessons advanced, and we know of no reason for the substitution of a vulgar and unlawful exemplification for the degree of Past Master (as is too often done), and then criticizing it.

Under California Comp. PHELPS approves our legislation, quotes from our Grand High Priest, and thinks we are doing about as well as could be expected. For his complimentary notice of the work of this committee, we acknowledge the indebtedness "and will see him later."

Under District of Columbia we find this little piece of advice to all of us, and, although we have quoted it somewhere else, yet it is so true that we give it again, and charge the space to Comp. WILLIAM R. SINGLETON:—

"It is our opinion that the true method of increasing the interest in Capitular Masonry is to create a strong desire among the brethren to increase in knowledge of Masonry. Let the most intelligent members of the Grand Chapter inform themselves upon the symbolism of the Royal Arch degree in connection with the third degree, and in their several Lodges of Master Masons point out the great necessity there is in our system to proceed onward and learn the lessons taught in the Chapter, and thus show the Master Masons that there is more light to be obtained whereby they can realize the symbolism of what they have already attained to. In our experience we have found such a course of great advantage to the Craftsmen. The members of the Chapter who had not theretofore seen anything of value in Capitular Masonry would be inspired to inform themselves and take a greater interest in the Chapter work."

Here is a condensation of Comp. PHELPS' that strikes the writer as particularly good. Now, while we think just as much of STATION, of Kentucky, as you do, we couldn't say it in as few words:—

"He takes kindly to the principle of dependent membership; thinks that 'the title of Grand' does not belong to the Masters of the Vails; approves the use of substitutes; correctly holds 'that there is no Masonry that has not for its foundation Blue Masonry,' and therefore approves the action of the Grand High Priest of Iowa, who required the High Priest of a Chapter to surrender his jewel of office to the next officer in rank, because he had been suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry by action of the Grand Lodge for disobedience of its laws and edicts."

Comp. GARDNER, of New York, gives those Grand Representatives who have made themselves conspicuous by not doing those things which they ought to have done, the benefit of the following opinion:—

"We have given views of other correspondents elsewhere, relative to this same matter. To whichever body the Representative neglecting his duty is amenable, is an open question. The fact remains the same, that it is a sadly neglected duty. Let any one look over the list of Representatives present at the sessions and see how many jurisdictions are unrepresented, and he will be filled with surprise. If appointees cannot appreciate the honor and carry out the requirements, they should resign and make way for those who do. Perhaps, if mileage and per diem were the adjuncts awarded, a larger representation would be had! *O tempora! O mores!*"

We agree with Comp. GARDNER; "they ought to resign," but if they don't promptly comply with the invitation, they should be kicked out.

The M. E. ALBERT W. CRITES was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. WILLIAM R. BOWEN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Omaha, Dec. 12, 1894.

NEVADA.

The Grand Chapter of Nevada held its twentieth Annual Convocation in Reno, June 12th, 1893,—the M. E. ALBERT LACKEY, Grand High Priest, the R. E. C. N. NOTWARE being Grand Secretary. There were five Past Grand High Priests present, also sixteen Grand Representatives and the Representatives of four chartered Chapters.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. He returned thanks to the Supreme High Priest for being permitted to assemble again in Annual Convocation, and congratulated the companions that harmony and good fellowship existed throughout the jurisdiction.

The Grand High Priest announced the death of Comps. S. O. WRIGHT and JOHN HAVILAND HUBBS, Past Grand High Priests, and Grand Organist WILLIAM OATES. He paid affectionate fraternal tribute to the departed and recommended that mourning pages in the record of proceedings be devoted to their memories.

The Grand High Priest says that a fair amount of work has been done during the year, notwithstanding the business depression, and that their membership has increased. He returns thanks to M. E. WILLIAM B. DAVIS, Grand High Priest of California, and E. JOSEPH N. CHANDLER, High Priest of Oakland Chapter, for fraternal courtesies extended while on his visit here. His official duties have not been burdensome, but he has been unable to visit his constituents on account of poor health.

The fifth Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held during the Convocation of the Grand Chapter, the M. E. ENOCH STROTHER, President. No applications for the Order being made, the Convention, after rehearsing the ritual, closed in due form.

M. E. Comp. FRANK BELL presented the Report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of forty-five Grand Chapters, with the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter.

Comp. BELL seems to find "no burning questions" to discuss, so he gives a growl at LIGHTHIZER, of Arizona, says we in California have the Scottish fever, and bids the companions "good morning" on his way to Kentucky, where he finds a subject in the pioneer Masonic Home. We admire your judgment, Comp. BELL. God bless Kentucky for her "most excellent" example. May we emulate her in the practice of this, the greatest of the three virtues, and in the near future each and every jurisdiction may have its own "Home," whose spires shall point heavenwards in silent attestation of the truths taught in every well governed Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, that the widow and the orphan of our deceased brethren and companions are to us a sacred trust, a trust which it should be our endeavor to discharge with credit to ourselves, that no dishonor fall upon the Fraternity thereby.

Our companions of Nevada are extremely radical on the physical perfection question. We are with you, Comp. BELL, in legislating for *outsiders*; but in applying the rule to *Masons*, would liberalize to the greatest possible extent consistent with their ability to conform to all which the ritual makes necessary.

We hope to meet you some day, Comp. BELL.

The *M. E.* JOHN W. ECKLEY was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* CHAUNCEY N. NOTEWARE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next (21st) Annual Convocation will be held in Virginia City, June 6th, 1894.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Grand Chapter of New Hampshire met in its seventy-fourth Annual Convocation in the City of Concord, May 16th, 1893, the *M. E.* HORACE A. BROWN, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *E. Comp.* GEORGE P. CLEAVES being Grand Secretary. There were present eight Past Grand High Priests, twenty-one Grand Representatives, and the Representatives of eleven chartered Chapters.

This volume of proceedings is ornamented with the handsome portrait of the Grand High Priest, the *M. E.* HORACE A. BROWN, who delivered his Annual Address, first returning thanks to that merciful Providence who had guided and protected them through the years that are gone and invoking the continuance of his blessings in the years that are to come.

He announced the death of *E. Comp.* JOHN WILDER, who had filled many offices of distinction in the Fraternity of New Hampshire. He says of Comp. WILDER:—

"His masonic life was of the highest order, and his charity as wide-spread as the needs of those with whom he was brought in contact. As a business man his integrity was unquestioned. As a citizen he was public spirited, and his genial, kindly spirit made friends of all who knew him."

He also announced the death of *M. E.* JOSEPH POTTS HOBNOB, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, alluding to his prominence and valuable services rendered as a Mason, as a citizen and a public man.

He reports but few visitations of subordinate Chapters, circumstances over which he had no control having prevented the performance of that agreeable duty.

The Grand High Priest reports that:—

"No complaints have been preferred, and no questions calling for the decision or construction of Masonic law have been proposed during the year. In two or three instances the question has been asked if a Chapter would be allowed to assemble and work in a Masonic Lodge-room in a part of its jurisdiction other than the place of its legal location. To such request I have given a negative reply. Several Chapters of the State have extensive territorial jurisdiction, drawing their members from quite distant Lodges, so far distant as to make it quite impossible for them to attend the convocations; hence this request. It may be best for this Grand Chapter to express itself in this matter."

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers recommended, and the Grand Chapter,

"*Resolved*, that the negative reply of the Grand High Priest to the inquiry whether a Chapter would be allowed to assemble and work in a Masonic Lodge-room, in a part of its jurisdiction other than the place of its legal location, be approved."

The Grand Chapter also —

"*Resolved*, that the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to our retiring Grand High Priest, *M. E. Comp.* HORACE ALEX BROWN, for the very able, faithful and acceptable manner in which he has discharged the responsible duties of his high office during the two preceding years, and that he retires from said office with the highest respect and esteem of this Grand Chapter."

The *M. E. Comp.* ALBERT S. WAIT, of the special committee to whom was referred the death of the late General Grand High Priest, reported as follows :—

"Your special committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Address of the *M. E. Grand High Priest* relating to the death of the late General Grand High Priest, having attended to the duty assigned them, submit the following report :

"JOSEPH PORTS HONOR was born in the city of New York on the 18th day of March, A. D. 1837. While quite young he removed with his parents to New Orleans. In consequence of the death of his mother his residence was for a time transferred to Philadelphia ; but returning to New Orleans at about the age of fifteen, he chose the law for his profession, and, after the requisite term of study, was admitted to the bar of Louisiana in 1855. Ten years afterwards he was admitted to practice at the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States. As a lawyer he attained high rank in the profession and enjoyed the confidence of the business community as an upright and honorable practitioner.

"Comp. HONOR became a Mason in 1860, and in 1886 was elected Grand Master of Masons in Louisiana. He was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State in the years 1869, 1870 and 1874, and was Grand High Priest of his Grand Chapter in 1873 and 1874.

"In the A. A. Scottish Rite he received the thirty-second degree in 1864, and attained to the thirty-third or last degree of that Rite in 1887.

"Comp. HONOR's first appearance in the General Grand Chapter of the United States was at the Triennial Convocation of that body in 1877. In 1880 he was elected General Grand Principal Sojourner, in 1883 General Grand Scribe, in 1886 General Grand King, in 1889 Deputy General Grand High Priest, and in 1891, at the Triennial held at Denver, he reached the exalted position of General Grand High Priest.

"His demise occurred on the 24th of January, 1893, at his home in New Orleans. It was preceded by a lingering illness, which was borne, says the Deputy General High Priest, in announcing the mournful event, 'with the calmness and courage which characterized him throughout his life.'

"As a testimonial of the honor and esteem in which our *M. E. Comp.* HONOR was held, as well by all Royal Arch Masons of New Hampshire as by the members of this Grand Chapter, your committee recommend that a page in the proceedings of this Grand Convocation be inscribed to his memory."

The Annual Convention of the Council of High Priests of New Hampshire was held May 16, 1893, the *M. E.* JOHN J. BELL, President. Three companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, having the necessary qualifications, were elected and received the Order of High Priesthood.

It was ordered that the name of JOHN WILDER, anointed High Priest, deceased, be entered upon the record. The Council was closed in Ample Form.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by that veteran companion, *M. E.* ALBERT S. WAIT, who gives us a review of fifty-seven Grand Chapters, in his independent, inimitable style.

Comp. WAIT says of the report of the "distinguished Comp." PALMER J. PILLSBURY, under the head of Alabama :—

"He holds, as we observe in his review of Maine, that in view of the organization of the Grand Chapters of this country under the General Grand Chapter, the recognition by the several Grand Chapters of the new Grand Chapters as they are formed, is superogatory ; and logically it seems to us the same way. Welcome to the family of Grand Capitular Bodies is doubtless appropriate, but recognition is more than superfluous, as it implies the assumption of power to decide the question of legitimacy.

"In reviewing our proceedings for 1892, Comp. PILLSBURY refers to our observations upon the provisions of the regulations of the General Grand Chapter, 'that membership in a Chapter should be coextensive with membership in a Lodge,' and expresses the opinion that the word 'should' is there used synonymously with 'shall.' He seems to think, also, if we rightly understand him, that the general sense of the Royal Craft is that this regulation is binding upon Grand Chapters as well as upon the Chapters holding immediately under the General Grand Chapter. These questions are both now settled to the contrary by the decision of General Grand High Priest DAY, affirmed by the General Grand Body at its Triennial Convocation at Minneapolis, in 1891. He says, pp. 42, 43, proceedings :

"I held, in answer to the question that the resolution was only declaratory of the sense of the General Grand Chapter that every Royal Arch Mason ought to be a

member in affiliation with a Lodge of Freemasons; * * * and that the power of the General Grand Chapter in the matter was limited to its immediate subordinates."

From which we should conclude that there are some questions left for Grand Chapters to consider and decide.

He reviews California, writes approvingly of the expressions of our *M. E.* Comp. MYRICK, and regrets, with the rest of us, Comp. OASWELL's retirement from Correspondence.

In reviewing Colorado he quotes approvingly from Comp. ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER this important item, and we remark here that the practice of the system objected to has brought discord and confusion into many, very many jurisdictions:—

"A very interesting Report on Foreign Correspondence is furnished by Comp. ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER, who reviews the proceedings of forty sister Grand Chapters in a space of 111 pages. Under District of Columbia he announces himself in agreement with South Dakota, that 'a ballot for an elective officer should never be cast by one member for the whole Chapter,' saying:

"The system that has come in vogue in some places, of making a motion for some one to cast the ballot, is, in our opinion, bad, and liable to lead to discord. It virtually takes away from a person his franchise, as he cannot object without making known how he desired to ballot."

"We are in full agreement with this view of our Companion of Colorado."

And so are we, Comp. WAIT, although the practice disapproved of is quite common in our Grand Chapter—"to save time."

In reviewing Kansas, Comp. WAIT writes this deserving tribute to the memory of our dead companion and friend, JOHN H. BROWN:—

"Among the writers of Foreign Correspondence reports in the various Grand Masonic Bodies he had for many years occupied the foremost rank, and there he had few equals and confessedly no superior.

"Thus is extinguished one of the most brilliant of the lights of the fraternity and one of the ablest exponents of its principles. Truly says the writer in the newspaper above mentioned: 'So good and true a man was he that the number of those who knew him was the number of his friends. He was an active business man and interested in all that should concern a citizen; but it was in Masonry that he found the real comfort and most grateful enjoyment of his life. * * He was a law giver and legislator of the great fraternity, and in every way one of the highest and brightest Masons in the world. Traces of his labors will exist in the structure of Masonry while time endures, and so his name will be greatly and reverently remembered.'"

In reviewing North Carolina, referring to the Address of the Grand High Priest, Comp. WAIT says:—

"He decided that a brother having lost a hand since receiving the degrees of the Blue Lodge could not, although free from all blemish when made a Master Mason, be advanced to the higher degrees, 'for the reason,' as he says, 'that it would be in positive violation of the ancient constitution and regulations of the Craft.' In support of this ruling he argues thus:

"According to eminent Masonic authority we find the first law on the subject in the Gothic Constitution, adopted at York in the year 926, as follows: 'A candidate must be without blemish, and have the full and proper use of his limbs, for a maimed man can do the Craft no good.'

"This Gothic Constitution was made hundreds of years before Chapters, or Royal Arch Masonry, was thought of. It was made at a time when there was probably in form only one degree. In the symbolism of Masonry with that degree only, we do not doubt that all the degrees subsequently developed were contained. A person acquiring that one degree, if degree it was properly called, acquired all there was of Masonry. The Royal Arch, as well as the Master Mason's degree, was latent in it and all was then acquired, although in the then conditions not capable of being understood. Carried to its results, the reasoning of our *M. E.* companion of North Carolina, and those who hold with him, should exclude every brother or companion from the rights of the institution, if, after receiving its degrees, he by misfortune becomes physically imperfect. We dissent from this whole doctrine,

and hold that the physical qualification of the old Gothic Constitution and the others subsequently framed from it, have nothing to do with anything but the *making* of Masons, that is to say, admitting to the first degree."

The *M. E.* WILLIAM HENRY WEED HINDS was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* GEORGE PERLEY CLEAVES was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held at Concord, May 15, 1894.

NEW JERSEY.

The Grand Chapter of New Jersey held its thirty-seventh Annual Convocation in the City of Trenton, May 10, 1893,—*M. E.* EDWARD MILLS, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* GEORGE B. EDWARDS being Grand Secretary. There were present ten Past Grand High Priests, twenty-three Grand Representatives, and the Representatives of twenty-nine chartered Chapters.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, greeting the assembled companions with a hearty welcome to the thirty-seventh Annual Convocation, and with feelings of thanksgiving to the "Supreme High Priest" for his watchful care and the many blessings bestowed upon them. He mourned with his companions the dear ones who had fallen by the wayside, and with them, as a Grand Chapter, proceeded to pay their tribute of respect to the memory of the illustrious dead: Comp. ELWOOD CONNOR, Past Grand King; Comp. SAMUEL G. BENNETT, Grand Tyler; Comp. STEPHEN COX Jr., Past High Priest of *Brearley* Chapter, No. 6, and the *M. E.* Comp. MARTIN M. DROHAN, Past Grand High Priest, were named from the Roster of the dead, their virtues recorded, and their memories confided to the faithful breasts of the companions of New Jersey.

The Grand High Priest reported the death of the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, the *M. E.* JOSEPH PORRIS HORROR, eulogized his exalted character, recommended that a mourning page be set apart in their records, and that his virtues be recorded thereon as a tribute to his memory.

No troublesome questions were asked and consequently no decisions rendered.

The Deputy Grand High Priest and Grand Scribe made reports of the Chapters which had been assigned them for visitation.

The Grand Chapter resolved to present a Jewel to the retiring Grand High Priest.

Comp. HENRY S. HAINES gave notice of amendment to Article II, Section 1, of the Constitution by adding the following paragraph after the word "year":

"At the opening of the Grand Chapter a box shall be placed on the desk of the Grand Secretary and remain there until the time of election, in which those desiring to place companions in nomination for the elective offices of the Grand Chapter may deposit the names of such candidates.

"In balloting, those only shall be voted for whose names are thus deposited.

"After the second ballot, all the names except of those who have received the highest and the next highest number of votes shall be dropped from the ballot."

The Annual Convention of High Priests was held May 9, 1893, *M. E.* CHARLES L. CHOERT, President. Eleven companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, were elected to membership and were duly admitted and anointed. Convention closed in ample form.

The *R. E.* HENRY VESHLAGE, Chairman, presented the Report on Correspondence, giving a review of forty-one Grand Chapters and the General Grand Chapter.

Of Alabama he writes:—

"In the record of business transacted we find but little of other than local interest, except the statement of the committee that—

"Capitular Masonry in Alabama is in a most healthy and prosperous condition. Several new Chapters have been organized and others restored. It would seem that a renewed interest is manifested; and good cheer comes up from all quarters."

Under California he speaks approvingly of M. E. Comp. MYRICK's Address and our appropriation for the Widows' and Orphans' Home, and regrets the retirement of Comp. CASWELL from his "long time" post as correspondent.

Of Colorado he says:—

"The business transacted was chiefly of the routine order, except that a warrant was granted for one new Chapter, which opens its career most auspiciously.

"Comp. E. L. N. FOSTER presented his fifth Report on Correspondence, making a well-written review of forty Grand Chapters, among which New Jersey, (1892) finds acceptable mention. His selections are made with judgment, but his comments are brief and few, for good reasons. We have had pleasure in the perusal."

Of Connecticut he writes:—

"Comp. JOHN H. BARLOW made Report on Correspondence, reviewing all the Grand Jurisdictions but two, and New Jersey is happy in not being of the two. He finds, as the rest of us do, that while the satisfactory and prosperous condition of Capitalar Masonry is a matter of congratulation, there is but little opportunity for comment or discussion on disputed points."

From his review of Maine we "borrow" this sensible talk from Comp. DRUMMOND upon the use of substitutes:—

"We traveled twenty-five miles to get the Royal Arch degree, and there was one other candidate present, and if the Illinois rule had prevailed, we both would have returned home without it. We believe now, as we believed then, that if a Chapter has only three candidates in a year, it would be far better to confer the degree upon one at a time and thus give them and the other companions opportunities to witness the work; because the very object of the work is to teach the principles of Masonry to Masons as well as to candidates.

"The records of the oldest Chapters in the country show that the old practice was to use substitutes, and that the requirement of three actual candidates grew up afterwards; and, as we believe, by failing to appreciate that, the ceremony is *symbolical*.

"If the work is properly done, the dignity and impressiveness of the ceremonies are not marred, and no unfavorable impression upon the candidate or the substitute is produced; at any rate, such has been the case in our own personal experience."

It makes us very weary to read the objections that are so persistently urged against the use of these "venerable" as well as at times, "very useful helpers."

From his notice of Massachusetts we crib these remarks of Comp. SEBASTIAN BOWEN, which are "heartily concurred in" by Comp. VERSLAGE:—

"In regard to uniformity of Ritual we believe in uniformity in essentials, but that each Grand Chapter should be permitted to decide for itself how the dramatic portions of the degrees should be filled in. There is nothing so bad as constant tinkering with the Rituals.

"No Ritual was ever yet made that cannot be picked to pieces by critics, and our feeling is a very strong one that a fairly good Ritual had better be let alone if you want your members to have any respect for it. In this jurisdiction there has been practically no change since we received the degrees. We served for fourteen years as Grand Lecturer, and while there are minor points in our Ritual that might be made to sound better to our ears, we have always deprecated any change because the minute you begin to alter the phraseology you are launching out on a sea of change that may land you in regions of which you have never thought."

From his review of Mississippi we cull the opinion of Comp. FREDERICK SPEED on the usefulness of the General Grand Chapter as testimony coming from one fully competent to judge fully and impartially upon the merits of the organization. Comp. SPEED was the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi at the last Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter:—

"The proceedings were characterized by the dignity and deliberation which so well befits this, the most conservative and enlightened body of all Freemasonry and which has deservedly won for it the title of 'The Masonic Senate.' There can be no question as to the usefulness of a General Grand Body which confines itself to

its proper sphere of action, and does not arrogate to itself the province of interfering with the domestic relations of its constituent bodies. The objections which I have so frequently urged against them do not now apply to the General Grand Chapter, owing to the limitations contained in its own Constitution, which in effect makes it but a league of sovereigns, and not a supreme governing power, such as the Grand Encampment of the Templars is. Limited to the field it has chosen for itself, without power of discipline, censure or admonition, it performs the functions of a Masonic Congress, and brings together representative Masons from all over the land, who, through their consultations and deliberations, do more to effect the unification of Masonry than it is possible for a body claiming supreme and autocratic powers to accomplish by its edicts and commands, accompanied with threats of discipline."

The *M. E.* ANDREW J. BALE was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* GEORGE B. EDWARDS was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

We have before us the Report of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales. The officers are: First Grand Principal, THOMAS READ; Grand Scribe *E.*, FRANCIS B. DAVIDSON.

The Committee of General Purposes for the year 1893-94 are: President, JOHN McLACHLAN; members, THOMAS READ, T. F. H. MCKENZIE, HENRY BRYANT HOWE, FRANCIS B. DAVIDSON, WILLIAM JAMES MCLEOD, DONNELLY FISHER, M. A., Major PEMBROKE LATHEROP MURRAY, SAMUEL CHATFIELD, ROBERT WASHINGTON NESBIT, HARRY PASSMORE, CHARLES BOURNE AIREY, JOHN HENRY HARRIS, RICHARD DOYLE.

The committee meet on the third Wednesday in January, April, July and October, in each year.

Among the Past First Grand Principals we notice the name of FRANKLIN H. DAY, named, we presume, after our "Uncle" FRANK, of *California*, No. 5, and Past Grand High Priest.

There are thirteen subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction: 1, *Zelland* Chapter of Australia; 2, *Robert Burns* Chapter of Australia; 3, *Goulburn* Chapter of Australia; 4, *Cumberland County* Chapter; 5, *Prince of Wales* Royal Arch Chapter; 6, Chapter of *Central Australia*; 7, *Saint Leonards Samaritan* Chapter; 8, *Combermere* Royal Arch Chapter; 9, *Wentworth* Chapter; 10, *Barrier* Chapter; 11, *Newcastle* Chapter; 12, *Zeehan* Royal Arch Chapter; 13, *Bathurst* Chapter.

We quote from the President of the Committee of General Purposes, the *R. E.* JOHN McLACHLAN:—

"Since the formation of this—the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales—we have received very cordial and flattering recognition as a regularly, legally and duly constituted Supreme Grand Chapter, from the Supreme Grand Chapters of England, Ireland, Victoria, South Australia, California, Washington, Kansas, Ohio, Iowa, Arizona, Indian Territory, and other American States.

"We are also in correspondence with the Grand Chapters of Florida, Mississippi, North Dakota, Indiana and other States.

"Our reports and statements are largely quoted from and even reprinted in the American annual reports, notably Ohio, California, Iowa, Washington, Oregon, etc.

"We have issued 312 Grand Chapter certificates, and we have registered 672 Royal Arch Masons, since we established this Grand Chapter, but death, erasure, bank suspensions and other causes have reduced the roll considerably of this number.

"During the year just past proposals were made to amend the Royal Arch Regulations by proposing that the First Grand Principal be elected for three consecutive years; but after debate this proposition was negatived."

The President announced the death of the *M. E.* Comp. ERNEST OCTAVIUS SMITH, Past First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter, and paid a glowing and earnest tribute to his memory. A mourning page is devoted to his memory in the proceedings.

The Supreme Grand Chapter seems to be in excellent financial condition, and is sailing on the full tide of successful experiment. California has only good wishes for the prosperous success of our Australian companions.

We have the Fourth Annual Report of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales, made by the President of the Committee of General Purposes, for the year 1893-4.

The President, *M. E.* JOHN McLACHLAN, dates his report at No. 4, Rooms New Masonic Hall, 283 Castlereagh street, Sydney, 28th August, 1893. He says:—

“In these times of commercial depression, bank reconstruction and financial difficulties, it is very pleasant to reflect that we have held our own and progressed steadily and favorably during the past four years; indeed, like the oak, which gathers strength and extends its roots during wintry seasons, in store for coming days, so we may be said to have conserved our resources and gathered strength during the past year.”

He also says: “It is with great sorrow that I remind you of the great loss the Supreme Grand Chapter has sustained in the death of another of its Grand First Principals, *M. E.* Comp. ERNEST OCTAVIUS SMITH, P. Z. The President pays an eloquent tribute to his memory.

The President states that the Second Grand Principal is now in America and will undoubtedly bring back glowing accounts of Royal Arch proceedings in that great country. He also says: “We hear that they are wonderfully strict over there, but he is a good workman, and his heart is in the right place, so we have no fears of his being well received.”

The *M. E.* President closes his report with the financial accounts of the Supreme Grand Chapter.

The officers for the years of 1893-94 are:—

First Grand Principal.....	THOMAS READ
Second Grand Principal.....	HENRY BRYANT HOWE
Third Grand Principal.....	HARRY PASSMORE
Grand Scribe E.....	FRANCIS B. DAVIDSON
Grand Scribe N.....	ALFRED JOHN BURBRIDGE
President Committee General Purposes.....	JOHN McLACHLAN
Grand Treasurer.....	WILLIAM JAMES McLEOD
Grand Registrar.....	DONNELLY FISHER, M. A.
Grand Inspector of Workings.....	JOHN HENRY HARRIS
Principal Grand Sojourner.....	JOHN PARKER HUMPHRIES
First Assistant Grand Sojourner.....	THOMAS MCCOY
Second Assistant Grand Sojourner.....	CHARLES GEORGE GIBSON
Grand Sword Bearer.....	WILLIAM CHARLES CRUMP
Grand Standard Bearer.....	ROBERT A. CALDER
Grand Director of Ceremonies.....	WILLIAM J. MILLNER
Grand Deputy Director Ceremonies.....	RICHARD CHARLES WILLS
Grand Organist.....	ALFRED McMANIS
Janitor.....	WILLIAM THOMAS WINN

Quarterly Convocations in February, May, August and November—i. e., on Monday, 20th November, 1893; Monday, 18th February, 1894; Monday, 21st May, 1894; Monday, 19th August, 1894; and Monday, 20th November, 1894.

We wish the Supreme Grand Chapter of New South Wales abundant success.

NEW YORK.

The Grand Chapter of New York held its ninety-sixth Annual Convocation in the city of Albany, February 7th, 1893,—the *M. E.* J. LEAVITT LAMBERT, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* CHRISTOPHER G. FOX being Grand Secretary. There were present nine Past Grand High Priests, twenty-eight Grand Representatives, and the Representatives of one hundred and seventy-seven chartered Chapters.

This fine volume of proceedings of the "Empire" Grand Chapter is marked with most excellent portraits of the leading dignitaries in the Masonic world, the *M. E. Comp.* DAVID F. DAY, Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and *M. E. Comps.* RICHARD H. PARKER and JAMES D. POLLARD, Past Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapter of New York. May their shadows never grow less.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, commencing with the following words: "Companions of the Grand Chapter—We have exchanged fraternal greetings; we have reverently engaged in our impressive opening ceremonies; and now I cordially and heartily welcome you to the ninety-sixth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter."

The Grand High Priest congratulates the Grand Chapter upon the harmony existing and the prosperous condition of Capitular Masonry throughout our country. Recognizing the Great Jehovah as the giver of all good gifts, he says: "Let us gratefully exclaim, 'For He is good, for His mercy endureth forever.'"

He reminds the companions that in their early career as Masons they were taught that the cradle and the coffin stand in juxtaposition to each other, and that the moment we begin to live that moment also we begin to die. He refers to the death roll of the year, upon which is inscribed the names of many companions eminent among their fellow-citizens for the possession of those virtues which form the links in the fraternal chain by which we are bound together, reminding them that death in his judgment and decrees regards neither age, talents or condition, and in every instance takes those whom we love and honor. The roll is a lengthy one and upon it are well known names representing every section of this great State.

The Grand High Priest also pays fraternal attention to the dead of sister jurisdictions and closes the mournful duty with eloquent reference to the deceased *M. E.* General Grand High Priest, and a recommendation that such action be taken as will best secure the perpetuation of his memory among his companions.

The Grand High Priest informs the Grand Chapter that their relations with the Grand Chapters throughout the world are of the most fraternal character.

He reports with enthusiasm the visit of the Grand Chapter in response to the invitation of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, to be present at and participate in the ceremonies attendant upon the dedication of the Masonic Home and School, at Utica, October 5, 1892. He reports the entertainment of the officers of the Grand Chapter by *Oneida* Chapter, No. 57, to have been ample and abundant, and expresses the hope that the Grand Chapter will substantially recognize the courtesy.

We like that. *Oneida*, 57, has a reputation for courtesy and hospitality to sustain, and we fancy that, if permitted to cross the river, the spirit of EZRA S. BARNUM was made happy in witnessing, about his old earthly home, the crowning success of this effort of his "kindred and brethren" in their noble and glorious work of building a Masonic Home in Utica.

The Grand High Priest reports the organization of several Councils of Anointed High Priests during the year, to confer the Order of High Priesthood upon companions who had been elected High Priests in their respective Chapters.

We observe that *M. E. Comps.* DAVID S. DAY, REES G. WILLIAMS and THOMAS O. CASSIDY, as a committee, are revising the Constitution. If it is not too late, *M. E.* gentlemen, we present you with the California paper as a model.

The Grand Treasurer reported balance on hand commencement of year, \$740.77; received from Grand Secretary, \$12,497.50; interest on deposits, \$98.82; total, \$13,337.09. Disbursements—Paid sundries, \$12,776.35; balance cash on hand, \$560.74; total, \$13,370.09. Funds of the Grand Chapter on deposit, \$560.74; 20 shares Albany City Bank stock, \$2,000; total, \$2,560.74.

The following invitation was received from Governor FLOWER :—

"Mrs. FLOWER and I will be at home at the Executive Mansion (138 Eagle street) to-morrow afternoon, from three to five o'clock, and will be pleased to see any of the companions who may desire to call."

On motion of Comp. HUNTINGTON the invitation was accepted, and, upon the suggestion of Comp. DAY, the Grand Chapter voted to pay the Governor a visit the next day (February 8th) at three o'clock P. M., in a body, under the direction of the Grand Captain of the Host.

Agreeably to appointment, the members of the Grand Chapter assembled, to the number of two hundred and fifty, and proceeded, under the direction of the Grand Captain of the Host, to the Executive Mansion to pay their respects to the Governor.

The companions were severally introduced to Mrs. and Mr. FLOWER, by whom they were cordially received and entertained, and Comp. FLOWER, in recalling past associations with the members of the Grand Chapter, made a brief but felicitous address, which was listened to with much interest. The companions then took leave of the Governor, well pleased with their visit.

Comp. DUNN, of the special committee appointed at the last Annual Convocation to prepare and present a suitable testimonial to *Oneida* Chapter, No. 57, in recognition of the fraternal courtesies extended by it to the Grand Officers, on the occasion of the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Home, at Utica, in May, 1891, submitted the following report, which was received and the action of the committee approved :—

"Your committee, to which was entrusted the duty, respectfully report that a series of resolutions, suitably engrossed and handsomely framed, at an expense of seventy-five dollars, the amount appropriated for the purpose, was presented to *Oneida* Chapter, No. 57, at its Stated Convocation, held on October 4, 1892, as a testimonial of the appreciation of the Grand Chapter for the courtesies extended to its officers on the occasion of the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Home at Utica, in the month of May, 1891.

"The committee was accompanied by a number of the present and past officers of the Grand Chapter, most cordially received, and the testimonial accepted by the Chapter as a mark of distinguished honor."

The Grand High Priest gave notice that a Grand Council of High Priests would be convened at three o'clock this afternoon, for the purpose of conferring the Order of High Priesthood upon duly qualified companions.

The Grand Council of High Priests assembled at three o'clock P. M. of February 7th, the M. E. J. LEAVITT LAMBERT, Grand High Priest, presiding. Forty-seven High Priests of their respective Chapters were anointed, consecrated and solemnly set apart to the office of High Priest. The ceremony concluded, the Council was closed in due form.

We have "heard tell" of rapid work, but never expected to learn that, with all the improvements, the Order of High Priesthood could be conferred upon forty-seven High Priests in an afternoon.

The roster of the dead of the Grand Chapter of New York for the past year has inscribed upon it the names of 294 companions.

The Address of R. E. JAMES BYRON MURRAY, Grand Chaplain, is published, together with the Orations delivered before the Grand Chapter in the years 1800 and 1801, by the Rev. JOHN FREDERICK ERNST, Grand Chaplain—a valuable relic and memento of the past.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by Comp. GEORGE J. GARDNER, Chairman. Comp. GARDNER gives us a review of the proceedings of fifty-three Grand Bodies.

In reviewing California he quotes approvingly from the Address of Comp. MYRICK, of the action of the Grand Chapter in aid of the Widows' and Orphan's

Home, and the answer of the Committee on Jurisprudence to a question asked by Comp. PIERCE as to the duties of a High Priest in certain contingencies. He regrets the retirement of Comp. CASWELL, and pays that veteran the following beautiful compliment. After quoting Comp. CASWELL's farewell words, he says:—

"We say we are saddened. Yes! to hear that parting word, farewell! The poet says:—

" 'Life hath as many farewells
As it hath sunny hours,
And over some are scatter'd thorns,
And over others, flowers.'

"We are not a patriarch in the ranks of the corps of Correspondents, nor are we a 'spring chicken' in Masonic labor. For years we have read with pleasure, and we are sure with profit, the able productions of our *M. E.* companion. His sound advice, his trenchant words, his clinching argumentative discussions, have been to us 'thoughts that breathe and words that burn.' Sitting as at the feet of GAMALIEL, we have drank in wisdom as from inspiration itself. It has ever been a *parterre* of 'flowers' devoid of 'thorns.' But alas! the time has come when he too must retire from the reportorial field, not as some have been compelled to do, silenced by the icy hand of death, but by that which is a precursor—illness. Thus are the bright lights in our Masonic firmament being gradually extinguished, but it is a consolation to know that the scintillations and coruscations from their noble works 'live after them.' We can ill afford to lose such able advocates, and ripe scholars, men of such sound judgment and fully mature in Masonic jurisprudence; men who have stood as conservators for guarding our 'landmarks' and protecting our by-ways from the innovations of those who seek to mutilate our Masonic edifice, and, with the spirit of the iconoclast, tear down those beautiful images erected by our forefathers.

"May He, in whose hands are the issues of life and death, throw his protecting ægis over our *M. E.* companion, until he shall have accomplished his day, and then, 'like a shock of corn fully ripe,' may he be gathered to the land of his fathers, " 'Where joy eternal reigns.'"

Now, Comp. GARDNER, if Comp. CASWELL don't lift his "chapeau" to that notice, let him not claim to have been born in Cooperstown, near the placid waters of old Otsego.

In his review of the Grand Lodge of England Comp. GARDNER says:—

"The peculiarity of the nomenclature of their Lodges, scattered throughout the 'Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown,' is a curiosity to the general reader, and, in this light, the list is well worth perusing. There are 446 Lodges enrolled, but nowhere do we find the total membership stated.

"The report of the Mark Benevolent Fund shows a noble charitable work done. The fund is a large one and is constantly increasing. Annual fund festivals are held at which large amounts are received, each generally an increase on the previous festival. Our English brethren believe in a practical philanthropy and 'govern themselves accordingly.' Their fund is not spent for gorgeous and tinsel trappings, but for aiding the widows and educating and clothing the orphans. They have upon their list of annuitants, eleven participants—eight males and three widows, ranging in age from a minimum of 37 to a maximum of 75 years.

"In the educational branch they have 28 pupils—15 boys and 13 girls, who are taken, some in helpless infancy, and retained until they arrive at the age of sixteen years. To show the proficiency of these pupils, several are marked as having been presented by the General Board with a silver medal. These pupils come from all parts of the United Kingdom, and no two from the same Lodge jurisdiction."

In reviewing Georgia Comp. GARDNER comments upon the free use of the dispensing power as follows:—

"He had 'granted a number of dispensations to elect and install officers at a time other than that required by the Constitution, they having been prevented by Providential causes, etc.' Among all the varied excuses rendered for non-conformity to the requirements of the Constitution, this is an exceptional one. We think the offense will be more ascribable to neglect of man, than to a thwarting by Divine Providence. He had been forced, 'from a sense of duty,' to withhold permission in several instances, from the fact that failure to comply with the requirements of the Constitution 'was owing to negligence, which I find, to some extent, prevailing in our jurisdiction.' Well said, and he might have added, in most other jurisdictions too—an evil which can be, and which should be, remedied."

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GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA.



We are in harmony with Comp. GARDNER in his idea of the duty of a Representative, as defined in his review of Indiana, to wit:—

"There is no doubt that there is great laxity on the part of Representatives in attending to the duties which they are delegated to perform. We have been surprised to see the degree of neglect there is in this matter. If the office is merely a complimentary one—a simple figurehead—then, perhaps, neglect of its duties is excusable, but if it is an honorable and responsible position, which we have always thought it was, and have governed ourself accordingly, then certainly its requirements should be observed or the office relinquished. Regarding the powers to which the Representative is amenable, we agree with Comp. LONG, but we think the 'other fellow' should have something to say by way of maintaining its dignity."

We also join him in his "well deserved" compliment to the "great reviewer," at the close of his comments on Maine:—

"And so, had we the space, we might extract from page after page, views based on the highest of authority and maintained by the soundest of arguments. Amongst all the volumes of 'proceedings' furnished us, there is none in which we take more delight in perusing. We wander 'mid its pages and constantly gain wisdom from the labors of the erudite writer of the correspondence department and witness traces of his handiwork, as well, in its legislative proceedings. Like MARIUS 'mid the ruins of Carthage, we sit and ponder and ask ourselves, is this the work of a day or is it for all time? Alas! the mutability of all things earthly. May it be said of him as is said of others, 'He buildeth better than he knew.'"

As also in his comments upon "official excuse for neglect of visitation duties," in his notice of New Hampshire, to wit:—

"The same 'old, old story' regarding official visitations is told and the same excuses rendered; 'somewhat impaired condition of health' and 'a constant demand of the business of my daily vocation upon my time,' made it impracticable for him to make a general visitation, yet he had visited nine of the twenty-one Chapters. We fear that Grand High Priests generally do not fully appreciate the importance of official visits. How often is it the case that we hear the remark, 'why, we never saw the face of a Grand Officer in our Chapter,' and some members would die 'without the blessed sight' unless they at some time had visited the Grand Chapter. Nothing gives more encouragement to a Chapter than to see that they are of sufficient importance to merit and receive a visit from the executive head."

We have exhausted this magnificent volume with feelings of genuine pride and pleasure. We were born in Utica, and have the conceit to believe it the home of a greater number of distinguished Americans than any other incorporated city in the United States. It is true that many whom we knew rest in the "silent city of the dead," awaiting the call to the general resurrection, and of the present generation we have only such limited knowledge as may be learned through the ordinary means of communication during a forty years' absence, but we love the city and the State of which the city is the bright particular star.

We believe the Grand Lodge of New York to be a great Masonic legislative body. We were a Representative at its annual session of 1850, and at that time visited Holland Lodge, No. 8, with Doctor JAMES W. POWELL, Grand Secretary. We were "marked" in *Onesida*, No. 57, by OTIS W. WHIPPLE, of genial memory. Our father was a Companion and Templar, associated with the old Fraters of Utica, and because of these reasons and others, Comp. GARDNER, we may be inclined to "exalt your horn" just a trifle, but we must ease our mind and say to you in closing: You have done both good and square work, and such work will entitle you to receive wages,—not the wages of a Fellow Craft, but a good fat salary, with a big arm-chair accompaniment.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Grand Chapter of North Carolina held its forty-fifth Annual Convocation in the city of Tarboro, May 9th, 1893,—the M. E. DANIEL P. MAST, Grand High Priest, the R. E. HORACE H. MUNSON being Grand Secretary. There were present ten Grand Representatives, and the Representatives of twelve chartered chapters.

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The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. He thanks an Allwise Providence for being again permitted to meet as a Grand Chapter to legislate for the promotion and advancement of Royal Arch Masonry in North Carolina. He says: "Meeting as we do on this occasion in the beautiful city of Tarboro, on the banks of the Tar, I bespeak for all a pleasant sojourn among our companion and brother 'Tarheels.'"

He says no questions of importance, requiring a decision at his hands, have been presented during his official term. He is gratified to state that the general outlook for the future of Capitular Masonry is promising.

He announced the death of Past Grand High Priest DONALD W. BAIN, and eulogized his memory. He says, "We all knew DONALD BAIN, and knowing him, loved him for what he was. He was better known and more loved among the Masons of North Carolina than any man in it. His loss to their Grand Chapter will be sorely felt, and his familiar face and genial, pleasant humor will be sadly missed at our annual meetings."

He also announced the death of five companions, members of their own jurisdiction, together with the illustrious dead of sister Grand Chapters.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead made the following report:—

"Your Committee on Fraternal Dead, in recommending, as is the custom, that pages of the minutes be set apart as memorials for the dead of sister jurisdictions, sincerely hope that it may in truth be a token of our deep sympathy for those whose hearts are sad through affliction. 'Tis said that 'only those who suffer can truly sympathize,' and if this alone be true, then indeed we are rightly chosen, for in the loss of our dearly beloved and truly noble companion, DONALD W. BAIN, late Grand Secretary of this Grand Body, we know that we deeply suffer, and have the closest right to extend sympathy for the sufferings of others."

The Grand Chapter adopted the work of the General Grand Chapter.

The M. E. HENRY HAY KNAPP represents this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of California.

No legislation was had at this session of the Grand Chapter of interest to other Grand Bodies.

Past Grand High Priest JAMES SOUTHGATE presented the Report on Correspondence. In reviewing Alabama he notices that by an amendment to the statutes of that jurisdiction, an applicant for the Chapter degrees may, after rejection, file another application to the same Chapter, at any subsequent Convocation thereof, unless prohibited by the by-laws, and remarks that in North Carolina they require a rejection for membership to lie over six months, which he thinks in keeping with the "General Law." We know of no general law governing such matters, other than the law of the Grand Chapter. In California our Constitution has this provision: "Nor shall the application of a rejected candidate for the degrees be presented to any Chapter within six months after such rejection, without the unanimous consent of the Chapter in which he was rejected."

Comp. SOUTHGATE reviews Arkansas, but discerning no important question, takes off his hat to Arizona and admits that he overlooked the "Baby," being somewhat confused by the name "LIGHTHIZER," wondering whether it was "natural born" or created in Arizona.

Of California he says the Address of M. E. Comp. MYRICK sparkles with bright thoughts, and is "*multum in parvo*." He would give the dispensing power a good long rest also; thinks it used altogether too freely. He regrets Comp. CARWELL's indisposition and expresses the hope that he may be restored to health.

Under Canada he quotes Comp. ROBERTSON, Chairman, as saying of North Carolina: "The non-uniformity of the work seems to be the drawback to further advancement," etc. Comp. SOUTHGATE says, in answer: "If you will put it 'uniformity of ignorance of any work,' we will accept the amendment and concur." And Comp. SOUTHGATE ought to know.

Under Colorado he says of Comp. E. LE NEVE FOSTER: "He is making priceless contributions to the Masonic literature of Colorado."

In going through Delaware he discovered that the High Priests of the several Chapters were allowed to open and close the three first degrees in their respective Chapters "in a short way," and says: "We have never seen what is called the short way, nor do we know of any allusion to such in any ritual. We would like to be informed on the subject."

He indorses Comp. SINGLETON, of the District of Columbia, in his ideas that the true method of increasing the interest in Capitular Masonry is to create a strong desire among the brethren to increase in the knowledge of Masonry, and to accomplish this much desired end says: "Let the most intelligent members of the Grand Chapter inform *themselves* upon the symbolisms of the Royal Arch degree in connection with the third degree, and in their several Lodges point out the great necessity there is, in our system, to proceed onward." Good advice, and, if followed, beneficial alike to teacher and scholar.

Comp. SOUTHWATE makes a pause at Florida to join in sympathy the companions in depositing evergreens upon the last resting place of that true descendant of those "noble Giblemites" of our Royal Arch history, Comp. DEWITT C. DAWKINS.

Of Royal Arch Masonry in Georgia he reports the existence of that enthusiasm always accompanying successful progress.

Under Illinois he says: "After reading with much interest the report, we find so many points in which we agree, and so few where we disagree, that it is hard to get up a discussion."

Under Indiana Comp. SOUTHWATE discusses with Comp. LONG the old question of suspension for non-payment of dues, the powers of a Lodge under dispensation, and the right to dimit. Our (California) views on the first and second propositions are of record, nor subject to change. On the question of the right to dimit, the views of Comp. SOUTHWATE are to our mind so satisfactory, and so near what the regulation ought to be, that we give them here as our views on the dimit question:—

"We have our view, also, on this question of giving a dimit. Our law gives a dimit without a vote, when the applicant is clear of the books and with no charges pending. We formerly required in the application for a dimit, the declaration that the *object* was to unite with some other Lodge or Chapter. We approve of this, for we are not a believer in the making of non-affiliates. While the coming in is voluntary, yet the obligations assumed make the getting out a matter of difficulty. The doctrine 'once a Mason always a Mason' should, in our judgment, be amended by inserting the words 'an affiliated Mason.' Voluntary non-affiliation is worse than striking from the roll for n. p. d."

In reviewing Kentucky he makes that eloquent emblem of Kentucky Masonry "the Masonic Home," his text, and gives the companions of that State the credit of proving by their works the sincerity of their professions. He recites with great satisfaction the results of their example in the "good seed sown" in a majority of sister jurisdictions.

Under Maine, writing of suspension for non-payment of dues, we are in accord with Comp. SOUTHWATE. A member is suspended for non-payment of dues. The theory of our law is, and it is our justification for the act, that by payment he restores himself. We don't think there should be any qualification to the privilege. He was suspended for non-payment only, and by payment he removes the cause. His restoration is in his own hands at any time. Or, if unable to pay, he makes his condition known, his dues are remitted, and by that act he is restored.

Comp. SOUTHWATE heartily endorses the action of the Committee on Jurisprudence of Tennessee, when they declare "that they are unanimously of the opinion that a carefully prepared Report on Correspondence will be an invaluable educator of their subordinates, and will maintain the dignity of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee in

the sisterhood of Grand Chapters," and thereafter he congratulates the Grand Chapter upon the selection of Comp. GEORGE O. CONNOR, Chairman, as an appointment befitting the trust.

The M. E. FRANCIS M. MOYE was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. HORACE H. MUNSON was elected Grand Secretary.

A fine portrait of the M. E. DONALD W. BAIN is published with the proceedings.

The next (46th) Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina will be held in the city of Charlotte, the second Tuesday in May, 1894.

NORTH DAKOTA.

The Grand Chapter of North Dakota held its fourth Annual Convocation at Jamestown, June 29th, 1893,—the M. E. LEONARD W. GAMMONS, Grand High Priest, presiding, and the R. E. THOMAS J. WILDER being Grand Secretary. Ten Chapters were represented.

In his Annual Address the Grand High Priest makes feeling reference to the great loss sustained by this young jurisdiction in the death of their pioneer guide and companion, M. E. JOHN DAVIDSON, who from their organization had been with them as counselor and friend. He speaks of this good man as the "MOSES who led them through the wilderness of the organization period to the land of prosperity and success. His memory will be revered by the Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota in the far distant future, when its archives shall be indistinct by the lapse of time."

He also pays fraternal tribute to the memory of the departed General Grand High Priest, Comp. JOSEPH PORTS HORNOR, and in testimony of their appreciation of his worth, ordered that the proper steps be taken to honor the memory of this illustrious Mason.

The losses by death of distinguished companions of sister jurisdictions are fraternally noticed.

The reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer show the finances of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota to be in a healthy and prosperous condition.

The M. E. DAVID M. HOLMES was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. THOMAS J. WILDER was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Convocation of this Grand Chapter will be held in Valley City, on the 14th of June, 1894.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia held its twenty-fourth Annual Convocation in the City of Halifax, June 14, 1893,—the M. E. WILLIAM B. ALLEY, Grand High Priest, the R. E. ALEXANDER ROSS, Grand Secretary.

The Grand King, Grand Scribe, and Grand Secretary, with four companions, compose the committee of "General purposes."

There were present five Past Grand High Priests, one Past Grand King and three Past Grand Scribes, fifteen Representatives of Sister Grand Chapters and the Representatives of eleven chartered Chapters. The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. He congratulated the assembled companions upon the prosperity of the Royal Craft within their borders. He believes in public parades and makes the following comment on a walk had with the Grand Lodge. He says:—

"On the eighth of June, 1892, on the kind invitation of the Grand Master Mason of that period, who is also a Most Excellent Companion Royal Arch Mason, Colonel C. J. MACDONALD, this Grand Chapter walked in procession with the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, at the laying of the corner-stone of the new Academy in the town of Amherst, and afterwards attended Divine service. I have always been pleased

with, and I think we may all fairly congratulate ourselves on the appearance of our Royal Craft on that occasion, as well as on the success of our proceedings in our sister town, as there is every reason to believe that all these circumstances have redounded to our credit, and to which we may in a large measure attribute the formation of the new Chapter, *Cumberland*, No. 13, under dispensation, which will receive more extended notice, in this paper, later on. In further considering the subject of Processions and Public Parades, let me say: it would be well if the Craft generally could bestow on them more attention than it does, as it is hard to over-estimate the good effects of a well ordered and well executed street parade. Let us hope that the day is not distant when all our Chapters will become so proficient in their inside work and ceremonies, that they will be in a position to prepare and drill for outside demonstrations."

Our companions of Novia Scotia have in their organization a working staff called "the Board of General Purposes;" this seems to be a very useful Board in the management of the business of the Grand Chapter, and is a great relief to the Grand High Priest in the performance of routine duties. Of this Board he says:—

"This is not a feature in our Royal Arch economy with which the Grand High Priest is specially charged—he is not a member of that body, as I was compelled to learn in order to be in a position to answer two or three enthusiastic companions who seemed determined to give me all the work I could possibly attend to. I wish to say, however, that being in the city about ten days after our last Annual Convocation, and hearing that the Board was having a meeting, I stepped in and received a hearty welcome. A good majority of the members attended, and I was pleased to see the interest manifested in the business in hand, as well as to hear them talk of their future plans in furthering the work of Grand Chapter. I have since learned that they have been diligent, and I feel confident that their work will be fully done. Attention should always be given to the appointment of our most active companions, our most willing workers, on this Board, as on their efforts and the efficient manner in which their work is attended to depends largely the success of this Grand Body."

Under "Visitations," he reports visiting and inspecting ten out of twelve Chapters on their soil, and speaks approvingly of their condition. The Grand High Priest made his examination thorough and reported in detail the condition of each.

The Grand High Priest is an earnest believer in giving an occasional example with our many precepts, and he illustrates the virtue by making the inquiry:

"ARE ANY IN NEED OR IN DISTRESSED CIRCUMSTANCES?"

"This question, which I have placed within quotation marks, seems to suit my purpose at the present moment. I think it is a question that should frequently be asked by Royal Arch Masons, as they should be ever solicitous for the welfare of their companions. In no circle should the sentiment contained in the old song be more practically illustrated than in ours:

"Do your best for one another,
Making life a pleasant dream;
Help a worn and weary brother,
Pulling hard against the stream."

"Companions, I rejoice to know that such sentiments do permeate our society; true we are a people blessed of providence and generally speaking have full and plenty, but accidents and reverses do overtake some amongst us, and I know of instances where companions have been cheered and comforted. I thank God for it, as without such principles, practically illustrated when occasion requires it, our institution, with all its beautiful arts, ceremonies and other fascinating interests, would be vain and meaningless. Under this heading I must refer to our companions in Newfoundland, but I must warn you that the practical instances of relief which I have hinted at above do not apply in their case. As you will gather from the correspondence, there seemed to be no apparent need of it, but I feel confident from the sentiments I have heard expressed throughout the jurisdiction that had there been a call it would have been nobly responded to. The fire at St. John's, N. F., occurred on the 10th of July, and in dispatches we gathered the information that our companions there had suffered. I thought of writing, but rightly concluded, as was subsequently shown, that my communication, if sent at that date, would stand a great chance of being overlooked, if indeed it would reach its desired destination. On the 19th I received a letter from our R. E. Grand Secretary Ross, which does credit to his head and heart. He called my attention to the news, mentioned our

companions, and remarked:—"I am afraid they may have lost everything," and suggested that he would write immediately and that I should do so later on. I endorsed his plan and he wrote.

"Companions, you have now heard all I know about the circumstances of our companions in Newfoundland, and it is for you to say what notice you will take of the information thus laid before you."

Of the companions who have passed beyond the Last Veil, he says:—

"We had hoped up to a few weeks ago that the reaper, death, was dealing leniently with us, but Royal Arch Masonry has had to contribute its quota to his great storehouse, and not only in this but in other jurisdictions we are called upon to mourn the demise of companions."

Of the Order of High Priesthood he says:—

"During our last Annual Convocation at Amherst, a convention of this Order was held and I was elected M. E. Priest, supported by a good staff of officers, but unfortunately, as will appear from previous references to it in other portions of this paper, I did not succeed in holding but one convention previous to last evening, when R. E. Comps. J. D. GLADWIN and HIRAM W. YUILL received the degree, a record of which has been made. Last evening, June 12th, another attempt to hold a convention failed, but a determination on the part of several members of the Order then present seems to indicate that a convention will be held at the close of this Grand Convocation.

This jurisdiction numbers 648 Royal Arch Masons. The M. E. WILLIAM B. ALLEY was re-elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. ALEXANDER ROSS was re-elected Grand Secretary.

There was no Report on Correspondence.

The next Annual Convocation will be held at New Glasgow in June, 1894.

OHIO.

The Grand Chapter of Ohio held its seventy-seventh Annual Convocation in the city of Marietta, September 27th, 1893,—the M. E. WILLIAM W. SAVAGE, Grand High Priest, presiding, the E. CHARLES C. KIEFER being Grand Secretary. There were present four Past Grand High Priests, thirty-one Grand Representatives, and the Representatives of one hundred and twenty-four chartered Chapters.

A fine steel portrait of the Grand High Priest prefaces this volume of proceedings.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form after devotional exercises led by the Grand Chaplain, and the usual standing committees appointed.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. After welcoming the assembled companions with a cordial and fraternal greeting, he said: "The Grim Tyler has served no summons within our household; but while this is true, it is also true that on the twenty-fourth of last January a blow fell upon the Crescent City, which was keenly felt by us, in common with every other sister Grand Jurisdiction on this continent." He alluded to the death of JOSEPH POTTS HORNOB, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

He also made sorrowful reference to the death of M. E. EDWARD T. ROSS, Grand High Priest, and the R. E. LAGRANGE SEVERANCE, Deputy Grand High Priest, of Indiana; of EDWIN RUTHVEN JOHNSON, Grand Z elect, and JAMES FREDERICK WALKER, Third Grand Principal J, of Canada; of M. E. DWIGHT HILLYER and R. E. JOHN HENRY BROWN, Grand Secretary, of Kansas; of SYLVESTER S. BEAN, Past Grand High Priest, and N. WOLHIN, Past Grand Scribe, of Iowa; of RICHARD BRIGGS, Past Grand High Priest, of Massachusetts; of WILLIAM POWER INNES, Past Grand High Priest, of Michigan; of JOHN H. HUBBS, Grand Master and Past Grand High Priest, of Nevada; of EDWIN A. ALLEN, Past Grand High Priest, of Nebraska; of THOMAS McFADDEN PATTON, Past Grand High Priest, of Oregon; of DONALD W.

BAIN, Grand Secretary, of North Carolina; and of STEPHEN T. BARTLETT, Past Grand Scribe, of Connecticut.

He paid loving and fraternal tribute to those eminent companions, and on behalf of the Royal Arch Masons of Ohio tendered heartfelt sympathy to their sister jurisdictions who had followed their dear and valued ones to their narrow and windowless homes.

Under decisions he reports :—

"The High Priest of a Chapter writes: 'Can a companion, having taken his dimit from a Chapter, hold active membership in a Commandery?' To which I replied: 'I hold it to be a matter with which the Grand Chapter has no concern. The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar *alone* has the right to prescribe the qualifications of the members of subordinate Commanderies.'

"A High Priest writes: 'Does restoration by the Grand Lodge of a Cerneau, restore him to the Chapter, or does it require the same process by the Grand Chapter? If so, send me the proper blanks, etc.' To which I replied: 'When a Cerneau has been restored to membership in a Lodge, his standing in the chapter will depend upon whether he was under suspension or expulsion from the Lodge prior to his restoration. If he was only suspended from the Lodge, his restoration in the Lodge restores him in the Chapter; but if he was expelled from the Lodge, his restoration by the Lodge does not restore him in the Chapter, and he would have to petition the Chapter, and be restored to membership by a unanimous vote of the Chapter. You do not need any blanks from the Grand Chapter; just let the companion petition your Chapter, stating the fact of his restoration in the Lodge, etc.' (See decisions 35 and 36 of the Code.)"

The Committee on Obituaries made a very able and lengthy report, and recommended that suitable tablets be set apart for their departed companions, which was ordered by the Grand Chapter.

A resolution was offered, instructing the Committee on Jurisprudence to prepare and submit to the Grand Chapter an amendment to the Constitution providing for making Past High Priests, under this jurisdiction, permanent members of the Grand Chapter; which was not approved.

On motion of S. STACKER WILLIAMS, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales was recognized as a regular and legal Grand Chapter, and a fraternal welcome was extended into our Capitular family.

The following committees reported: On Unfinished Business, none; on Charity, no special appeals; on Grievance, none on hand; on time and place for next Convocation, Columbus, September 21, 1894.

The Secretary of Masonic Home reported total assets now available, \$65,405.60.

Many letters from absent Grand Representatives were received and published.

The portrait of M. E. JAMES B. HOVEY is published, with a register of all living Past Grand High Priests.

The Council of High Priests of the State of Ohio met for the transaction of business, and was opened in Ample Form, in the city of Marietta, on the evening of September 27th,—Comp. JOHN W. CHAMBERLIN, President, presiding. Petitions were received from thirty-three companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, they were elected, and, being in waiting, were separately admitted, set apart and solemnly consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood. The Convention proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, and then closed in Ample Form.

The Report on "Foreign" Correspondence was presented by the Chairman (that "headlight" of Ohio Masonry), Comp. S. STACKER WILLIAMS, who prefaces his report with a historical essay upon the origin or birthplace of the Royal Arch degrees. The paper is unpretending, but bears evidence of the studious research of its eminent author.

Under Alabama Frater WILLIAMS reviews the history of the Grand Chapter,

MEMENTO MORI.

There is a bond of union existing between the Masonic families of Ohio and California, among other reasons, for the following: On the 19th of October, 1849, the Council of High Priesthood for the State of Ohio assembled in Convention at Steubenville, and after the transaction of the annual business, held an election of officers for the then ensuing year. Among the companions elected to fill the several stations at that election were Comp. HEZEKIAH LORD HOSMER, High Priest of *Fort Meigs* Chapter, U. D., of Toledo, as Vice-President, and Comp. ISAAC DAVIS, High Priest of *Ohio* Chapter, No. 12, of Columbus, as Master of the Ceremonies. Thus early in the Masonic history of the country these gifted and zealous Masons assumed the teachers' station, and under that prince of preceptors, M. E. WILLIAM B. HUBBARD, entered upon their life's work.

Comp. HUBBARD then recognized in his enthusiastic companions Masons, not only gifted with a thorough knowledge of the system they aspired to teach, but who were endowed with the ability to explain to the initiate the history, precepts and purpose of Royal Arch Masonry. During the many ensuing years these companions (each in his assigned circle) wrought diligently in the Master's service. We are the living witnesses of their upright, blameless lives, and share with our companions, who had the pleasure of their acquaintance, the confident belief that the work taken up by them for inspection was approved by the Supreme Overseer and the workmen assigned to the companionship of just spirits gone before, whose sole aim during their earthly career had been to know God's will and do it.

We have paid the last tribute of affectionate regard to their earthly remains and henceforth can only hold them in remembrance as beloved brethren, companions and Sir Knights, who, having fought the fight and kept the faith, are now enjoying the reward always awaiting the faithful Templar.

Comp. ISAAC DAVIS was of the foremost in the organization of Masonry in California. He was our Grand High Priest and Grand Commander and the most thorough and accomplished ritualist on the Pacific Coast. The ceremony, though, that he loved "chieftest of all" was the Order of High Priesthood. Dear uncle ISAAC! Melchisadeck has had many representatives, but we shall always clothe our representative of that character with the reverential speech and manner of ISAAC DAVIS. While he lived no other name was considered for President of our Convention of High Priests.

Comp. DAVIS was born in Maryland in 1797; removed to Ohio in his youth, and came from thence to California in the early days. He was emphatically an Ohio Mason. He died at his home in Sacramento in 1869 and was buried by his Lodge, the Grand Lodge accompanying his remains, under the escort of Sacramento Commandery.

Comp. HEZEKIAH LORD HOSMER was born in Hudson, Columbia County, New York, in 1814. After obtaining his education at Oxford, Chenango County, he removed to Ohio in 1830, where he practiced law and gravitated into journalism. In 1848 he became one of the publishers and editor of the *Toledo Blade*. In 1861 he removed to Washington and was engaged in literary pursuits until 1864, when he was appointed by President LINCOLN Chief Justice of Montana. He opened the courts of that Territory and held the office until 1868. In 1869 President GRANT appointed him postmaster at Virginia City, Montana, which position he held until he came to California in 1872, since which time he has resided in San Francisco.

Comp. HOSMER was made a Mason in Wood County, Ohio, in 1844. The Lodge was afterwards removed to Perrysburg. When he removed to Toledo he affiliated with *Rubicon* Lodge, No. 237, and was its Worshipful Master for several years. He received the *degrees* and orders of Chapter, Council and Commandery at Circleville, Ohio, *of the hands* of the late Bishop HARRIS of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

He was High Priest of *Fort Meigs* Chapter, at Toledo, and received the Order of High Priesthood March 31st, 1849, and was chosen Vice-President of Ohio Council of High Priests June 21st, 1849. Comp. HOSMER was Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Ohio in 1861, and was Deputy Grand Master when he removed from the State in 1861. Upon his removal to Montana he affiliated with *Montana* Lodge, No. 2, and was for several years its Master. In 1871-72 he was Grand Secretary of Montana.

Although, as appears by this brief sketch, he was active in all branches of Masonry, his strong attachment was for the Commandery of Knights Templar, and in his later years that most beloved organization absorbed his thoughts and all of his energies. This "veteran Templar" served eleven (11) years as Commander of *Toledo* Commandery, No. 7, of Ohio; six (6) years as Commander of *Virginia City* Commandery, Montana. From 1861 until his death he was the Prelate of *Golden Gate* Commandery of this city, and from 1884 to his death he was the Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of California.

He was consigned to eternal rest on the first Sunday in November, having finished his earthly labors on the 31st day of October, 1893. The last sad rites were paid to the remains of this valiant and magnanimous soldier of the cross by the Grand Commandery and the Commanderies of this city and Oakland, his beloved *Golden Gate* performing the Templar funeral service.

OREGON.

The Grand Chapter of Oregon held its thirty-third Annual Convocation in the city of Portland, June 12th, 1893,—the M. E. GEORGE E. CHAMBERLAIN, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. JAMES F. ROBINSON being Grand Secretary. There were present seven Past Grand High Priests, fifteen Grand Representatives, the Representatives of twenty-one chartered Chapters and two under dispensation.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. After welcoming the companions and alluding to the great changes in affairs of government, with the political contests for control, he says: "But the changes that have taken place in Masonry have been wrought without revolution. Here are the ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. Upward and onward in solid phalanx moves the great Masonic host, engaged in 'deeds of charity and pure beneficence.' From every quarter comes the glad tidings that Masonry, both Symbolic and Capitular, is prospering. Yet there are other changes in this and in other jurisdictions at thought of which we pause and shed a tear. Many of those who were with us one year ago, to-day have answered the last roll call and have gone to their eternal sleep."

He mentioned the death of Comp. THOMAS MCFADDEN PATTON, and eulogized him as a "very oracle upon the laws and usages of our Royal Craft," who was always ready and willing to impart to the neophyte in Masonry, as well as to those who were further advanced in the mysteries of the Order, the knowledge which he had obtained through years of study.

He also reported the death of the M. E. JOSEPH POTTS HORNOR, General Grand High Priest, and recommended that suitable action be taken, "testifying our love and veneration for this distinguished companion, and our allegiance to the General Grand Chapter of the United States."

The Grand High Priest also referred to the illustrious dead of their own and sister jurisdictions, whose names had been reported, and recommended that proper action be taken in their memories.

The "Grand Council" of the Order of High Priesthood met in Annual Convention at Portland, June 12th, 1893,—the M. E. JAY TUTTLE, President. The Council was opened in Ample Form. Five companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, were admitted and received the Order of High Priesthood. Convention closed.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by the R. E. Comp. J. M. HODSON, Grand Scribe, as well as chairman of this working committee. Thirty-five Chapters are reviewed.

In his review of Arkansas he endorses the views of Comp. LAUGHLIN, as we do emphatically, upon the dependent membership question. Comp. HODSON writes:—

"And again we endorse, without reserve, his comments upon the Texas 'go-as-you-please' system, to wit: 'While on this subject, by way of answer to the objection of Comp. KIDD to our law on membership, we would suggest that a little application of the physical qualification law of Texas to the membership law would have a good effect. We hold that the Blue Lodge is the foundation of the Chapter. If a Master Mason loses both feet, no one would think of making him a Royal Arch Mason. So if he loses his Masonic foundation (membership in a Blue Lodge), the whole Masonic edifice tumbles down.'"

In reviewing California he approves the sentiments expressed by Grand High Priest MYRICK in his Address. He quotes Comp. CASWELL's opinion on matters of work and endorses them, and regrets Comp. CASWELL's retirement from his late field of usefulness.

In his review of Indiana he quotes Comp. ECKENBRACK on Kansas statistics:—

"In the State of Kansas there are seventy-seven places where Capitular secrets may be learned by such persons as know enough to appreciate their value. During the past year in sixty-two of these places anxious seekers entered, were led through the quarries, were taught the severe lesson given to impostors, were placed in positions too high for their ability or deserts, saw heavenly fire, and no less than five hundred and forty-nine saw the damp cavern where the Book of the Law so long lay hidden. At the present time three hundred and sixty-four more companions would kindly cover your mark with the price of a meal of victuals than in 1890. Think of it! There are no less than four thousand five hundred and thirty-nine square meals in Kansas for any unfortunate mark-wearer that will ask for them in a proper way."

There ought to be no trouble in getting a square meal at Topeka next year, Comp. ECKENBRACK.

In his review of Massachusetts Comp. HODSON says:—

"He, Comp. SERANUS BOWEN, of Massachusetts, in discussing the question of what constitutes a 'clandestine' Mason, puts forth the following supposition and question: 'If a man applies for the degrees in a Lodge in Maine, is rejected, and then goes to New Brunswick, for instance, and gets the degrees in a regular Lodge there, is he not a clandestine Mason? If not, what is he?'"

Comp. HODSON answers:—

"A clandestine Mason is one made by a Lodge or convocation of Masons that does not possess a legal right to make Masons. Some Grand Jurisdictions do not recognize the principle of 'perpetual jurisdiction,' therefore the party who leaves the jurisdiction that rejected him and goes to one where no attention is given the question of former rejection, and receives the degrees, cannot be classed as clandestine, nor could he be justly so classed in the other case unless he had concealed the fact of rejection."

A Mason made in a regular Lodge cannot be a "clandestine made Mason." He may be, for various reasons, "irregularly made," and may be a subject of discipline for "false statements or for the concealment of facts," but he was made in a "regularly constituted Lodge," and may be cured of his defects. He could not be, if a "clandestine made Mason." We agree with Comp. HODSON in the following:—

"The findings of facts concerning jurisdiction were probably correct, but just how it is possible for a legally constituted Chapter to do 'clandestine' work is a thing we cannot understand, and, if it were possible, the injustice of visiting all the punishment upon the recipient of the degrees, and letting the Chapter off without reprimand, and even allowing it to retain the money thus illegally obtained, is so plainly out of the usual course of Masonic fairness that we could not let it pass without mention."

In commenting upon a decision of the Grand High Priest of Arizona, "that it is illegal and improper to confer any of the Capitular degrees on Sunday," Comp. HODSON says:—

"We never heard of any Masonic law requiring members of the Royal Craft to refrain from work upon the first day of the week. So far as the propriety of the matter goes we agree that in a Christian country it is proper to conform to the established customs; but if a Chapter had conferred the Royal Arch degree on Sunday, recipient is a legally made Royal Arch Mason and entitled to all the rights and privileges thereof without further action, which would not follow if it was illegal to hold the meeting which conferred the degree. A healing would then be necessary."

We think Comp. HODSON right in his statement. We believe the general desire of Masons is to show all proper respect to the religious organizations of the country and in deference to the opinions of brethren who are connected with the different churches, and to avoid all possible apparent disrespect to the Sabbath day. Regulations have been from time to time adopted by our Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters, forbidding work on Sunday, but that such meetings, for the purpose mentioned, are "illegal or improper" in the abstract or in cases of emergency—no.

After giving Texas a lecture upon the "slack allegiance" of that Grand Chapter to the "Gen. Grand," and reminding the sister of some promises she made and then "breached," like a patriot and a Masonic statesman, he says:—

"We are not among those who believe that all the Masonic wisdom of the world is concentrated in the General Grand Chapter, nor that any *wonderful* advantages would be derived by securing the return of Texas and Rhode Island and the affiliation of Virginia and Pennsylvania; but the American system, as fostered and extended for the last century, contemplates the united support of all the Chapters in the United States. Pennsylvania and Texas, from their importance, must necessarily exercise great influence on the future of the Craft, and now that the political rupture failed, let the Masonic rupture be healed and all induced to keep step to the music of unity."

Well said, companion. You have given the Grand Chapter of Oregon a splendid report, and reflected credit upon the Capitular Masonry of the Pacific Coast. We salute you.

The M. E. GEORGE McD. SPROUD was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. JAMES F. ROBINSON was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next (34th) Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter will be held in the city of Portland, on Monday preceding the second Wednesday of June, 1894.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania held a Quarterly Convocation at Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, March 3d, 1892,—the M. E. ALEXANDER H. MORGAN, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. CHARLES E. MEYER being Grand Secretary.

After the transaction of business of local import, the Grand Chapter was called off for the purpose of exemplifying the Royal Arch degree, after which the Grand Chapter was closed in peace.

The Grand Chapter again met in Quarterly Convocation June 2d, 1892, with the same official attendance. After the transaction of local business the M. E. Grand High Priest announced the death of Past Grand Master and Comp. CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, and submitted the following tribute to his memory, for the consideration of the Grand Chapter, which, on motion, was adopted:—

"The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania directs that a minute be made in the proceedings of the Quarterly Communication of the death of Comp. and Past Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania, Bro. CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA. His exalted position in the Fraternity, his true and upright character, his extensive knowledge of Masonic lore, his unselfish devotion and sincere belief in the doctrines of Freemasonry, and his services to the Craft, have made his name famous throughout the Masonic world, and well merit this tribute that the Grand Chapter now pays to his memory."

The Grand Chapter was then called off for the purpose of exemplifying the degree of Mark Master Mason, which, being done, the Grand Chapter was closed in peace.

A third Quarterly Convocation was held September 8th, 1892, with the same official attendance. The local business of the jurisdiction was transacted. The Grand Secretary presented his report. The Grand Chapter was called off for the purpose of exemplifying the Most Excellent Master's degree. The exemplification being concluded, the Grand Chapter was closed in peace.

A fourth Quarterly Convocation was held December 8th, 1892, same official attendance. There were present seven Past Grand High Priests, Comp. GEORGE L. McCAHAN, Past Grand High Priest of Maryland and General Deputy Grand High Priest of the United States, twenty-three Grand Representatives, and the Representatives of ninety-three chartered Chapters.

M. E. Comp. THOMAS R. PATTON, Grand Treasurer, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:—

“Resolved, That in testimony of the sympathy this Grand Chapter feels for the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, that the M. E. Grand High Priest be authorized to draw a warrant on the Grand Treasurer for the sum of five hundred dollars, as a donation from the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania to the permanent fund of the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania.”

This being the time fixed by the Constitution for the election of Grand Officers, to serve the Grand Chapter for the ensuing Masonic year, beginning at St. John's day next, tellers were appointed to conduct the election. The officers were elected and proclaimed.

All those who had not received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Comp. LOUIS WEINRICH, High Priest elect of *Doylestown* Chapter, No. 270, was then installed as High Priest of said Chapter, to serve for the ensuing year, beginning on St. John's day next, and had the Order of High Priesthood conferred upon him. The companions who had retired were re-admitted, and the Grand Chapter closed in peace.

The Annual Convocation was held St. John's day, December 27th, 1892,—the M. E. ALEXANDER H. MORGAN, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. CHARLES E. MEYER being Grand Secretary. There were present five Past Grand High Priests and the Representatives of twenty-one chartered Chapters.

The Grand High Priest delivered his report, laying before the Grand Chapter the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the jurisdiction. He directed the attention of the companions to those who had been “called hence” during the past year, and paid truthful tribute to their memories. He said, in conclusion:—

“Death levels all distinctions. Mortality, whether king or commoner, is subject to the inevitable law of dissolution. Eulogy may set forth the virtues of the deceased, but it cannot alter the Divine fiat.”

In his report the Grand High Priest states that although their Chapters reach number 276, there are in fact but 118 living Chapters, the others having died from incompetency, want of zeal, lack of sustenance, or other causes.

He gives an interesting account of his visitations, which were extended. Among other decisions he decided that all elective officers must be installed annually, no matter how many times they have been re-elected.

He reported a communication from the General Grand Chapter, urging and setting forth the reasons for a union of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania with the General Grand Chapter. He considered the subject of too much importance for immediate decision, and appointed a committee of five members to take the matter into consideration and report to the Grand Chapter at the next Convocation.

So much of the minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation of December 8th, referring to the election of Grand Officers, was then read. All but Past High Priests who had received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Comp. EDGAR A. TENNIS was installed as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging. He was duly proclaimed as such and received the salutations of the Craft.

The companions who had retired were re-admitted, when the Grand Officers were severally installed, and were each duly proclaimed and received the salutations of the Craft.

The M.: E.: Grand High Priest, EDGAR A. TENNIS, then addressed the companions, which address was listened to with much interest. He marks out new lines for correspondence, as follows:—

“An important and interesting portion of the annual proceedings of this Grand Body is the Report of the Committee on Correspondence, and having a desire to make it, if possible, still more interesting and instructive, I have divided the honors among five distinguished companions, assigning to each a number of jurisdictions, the proceedings of which will be reviewed by them, and select therefrom such matter as they deem suitable for publication. This committee shall report annually, on St. JOHN the Evangelist's day, the result of their labors for the approbation of the Grand Chapter. This will facilitate the work of getting out our annual proceedings, and enable us to distribute them to constituent bodies at an earlier date than formerly. We shall expect from the companions named a careful review of each jurisdiction assigned, and wherever questions are involved which are of interest to the Craft of all jurisdictions, it is their duty to notice them.”

The Grand High Priest announced the appointment of Grand Officers, among whom we note “six Grand Chaplains,” the usual standing committees, and twenty District Deputies, whereupon the Grand Chapter was closed in peace.

A fine steel portrait of the M.: E.: GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., Past Grand High Priest, adorns the proceedings.

The Report on Correspondence is by the Joint Committee, composed of M.: E.: Comps. HENDERSON and MEYER, Past Grand High Priests, and Comps. AFRICA, LYNE and CLARK. California is in the division assigned for review to Comp. HENDERSON, and, we presume, was not received, as it does not appear in the number reviewed.

In reviewing Delaware he asks this question:—

“Is it possible that the Grand High Priest of Delaware rules his Grand Chapter with a gavel? Ours uses a sceptre, and we have always been taught that the gavel was not a Royal Arch Mason's implement.”

Well, Comp. HENDERSON, we wonder no longer that you were shocked at the expression of the Grand High Priest out West in Colorado, who remarked that his constituents were busy “rustling for grub.” So you wield the sceptre in Pennsylvania, do you? We can't afford it in California yet, but hammer the companions to order with the gavel.

In reviewing the District of Columbia Comp. HENDERSON gives this information regarding their methods of procedure in Pennsylvania. He says:—

“The Constitution provides that there shall be one stated Annual Convocation on the second Wednesday of December in each year.

“For the information of our companions of the District of Columbia, we will state that our Grand Chapter holds five stated Communications each year, and at three of them the degrees of Mark Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason are exemplified by the Grand Officers, one degree at each meeting. The degrees are worked in full, under the supervision of our Committee on Work and Jurisprudence, and exactly as our constituent Chapters are expected to work them. The interest shown in these exemplifications is manifest by the large attendance of our members. We consider it a most effective method of disseminating the work.”

We believe, Comp. HENDERSON, that it is a most excellent method of disseminating work.

Comp. MEYER, of Correspondence, in his review of Kentucky and the views of its Grand High Priest upon the necessary regulation clothing for a Chapter, desires that Companions generally should give more attention to the matter of dress when in attendance upon the duties of Lodge or Chapter.

Under Missouri Comp. AFRICA, of Correspondence, writes, giving Pennsylvania practice on several matters of controversy. Comp. MAYO compliments Comp. STOCKTON BATES on a former report, and asks, "What is a dispensation to pass the Chair?" The answer is:—

"We in Pennsylvania do not know anything about a Past Master's degree. A Mason becomes a Past Master by service or dispensation to pass the Chair. He is then, after having been a Mason six months, entitled to receive the M., M. E. and R. A. degrees."

Comp. AFRICA adds:—

"Only those Masons who have 'passed the Chair,' either by service as Worshipful Master, or by a dispensation issued by the Grand Master or by the District Deputy Grand Master of the proper district, are qualified to petition for the Chapter degrees, which are conferred in the order named by Comp. BATES."

The M. E. EDGAR A. TENNIS, Grand High Priest, the R. E. CHARLES E. MEYER, Grand Secretary; address, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania held its first Quarterly Communication for 1893 at Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, March 2, 1893,—the M. E. EDGAR A. TENNIS, Grand High Priest, the R. E. CHARLES E. MEYER, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chapter was honored with the presence of the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, M. E. Comp. EDWARD MILLS.

The Grand Chapter was opened, local business transacted, and the degree of Mark Master exemplified, after which the Grand Chapter closed.

The second Quarterly Communication was held June 8, 1893, with the same official attendance as in March. After the transaction of local business, the special committee on communication from General Grand Chapter reported, at the close of which the committee submitted the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania thanks the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America for its fraternal invitation to become one of its constituent members.

Resolved, That we deem it inexpedient to accept the invitation so kindly extended to us; and

Resolved, That the Grand Officers advise the officers of the General Grand Chapter of our action, by transmitting a certified copy of these resolutions and of the report to which they are attached.

On motion, the report was laid over for consideration until the September communication.

The Grand High Priest made an elaborate decision as to the position of the altar in Chapter room at all times other than when conferring the Royal Arch degree.

The Most Excellent Master's degree was exemplified before the closing of the Grand Chapter.

The third Quarterly Communication was held September 7, 1893, with same official attendance as in March, and the representatives of forty-five chartered Chapters.

The Grand Secretary reported the number of Royal Arch Masons at 14,772.

The report of the special committee on communication from General Grand Chapter was considered and unanimously adopted.

The Royal Arch degree was then exemplified.

The fourth Quarterly was held December 7, 1893, with same official attendance. There were also present six Past Grand High Priests, twenty-six representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions, and the representatives of eighty-one chartered Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ancient and Solemn Form.

The Grand High Priest announced the death of Past Grand High Priest AUGUSTUS R. HALL and paid eloquent tribute to his memory, and as a token of esteem, the Jewels of the Grand Chapter were ordered draped in mourning for a period of six months.

This being the time fixed by the constitution for the election of officers to serve Grand Chapter for the ensuing Masonic year, beginning on St. John's day next, tellers were appointed to conduct the election.

The tellers reported the election of M. E. EDGAR A. TENNIS, Grand High Priest; M. E. EZRA S. BARTLETT, Grand King; M. E. RICHARD M. JOHNSON, Grand Scribe; M. E. THOS. R. PATTON, Grand Treasurer; M. E. CHARLES CARY, Grand Secretary; and they were proclaimed as such. Grand Chapter closed.

The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania held its Annual Communication in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, St. John's day, December 27, 1893,—the M. E. EDGAR A. TENNIS, Grand High Priest, the E. Comp. J. ALEX. SIMPSON, acting Grand Secretary. Six Past Grand High Priests and the Representatives of twenty chartered Chapters were present.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form and the Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, returning thanks for the many blessings received and acknowledging the protection of a beneficent providence.

He announced the departure of beloved companions for the spirit land, and said: "Let us cherish the hope that they have been exalted to the companionship of that eternal Lodge, where the adoration of the twelfth hour is everlasting joy."

Under the head of decisions the Grand High Priest says: "The question of jurisdiction, now fortunately quite well understood, was only once presented for consideration, and I informed the enquiring Chapter that there was no such thing as jurisdiction in Capitular Masonry in Pennsylvania, but only the moral fitness of a candidate need be considered." He says further: "The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania is the oldest on this continent, having been opened under the immediate sanction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on the 23d of November, 1795, with WM. BALL, then Grand Master, as Grand High Priest."

The investments of the Grand Chapter amount to \$20,000.00.

The Grand High Priest approves the decision of the Grand Chapter in its declination to become a constituent of the General Grand Chapter. All but Past Grand High Priests who had received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Comp. EDGAR A. TENNIS was installed as M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The companions who had retired were re-admitted, when the other Grand Officers were severally installed and duly proclaimed.

This volume is enriched with elegant steel engraved portraits of M. E. EDGAR A. TENNIS and SAMUEL C. PERKINS, Past Grand High Priests.

In the division of the work of the Committee on Correspondence, California is

assigned to Past Grand High Priest MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON. The entire review is a scholarly paper, a credit to even so distinguished a jurisdiction as Pennsylvania. We regret the receipt of this interesting volume at so late a date as to preclude a thorough study of the work of these eminent commentators, but the printer calls and a few hurried words must content us this time.

Comp. HENDERSON quotes under Alabama the amendment to their constitution just adopted in which they divide the authority of their chief executive by providing that the Grand or Deputy Grand High Priest shall have the power, etc. Comp. HENDERSON, in an elaborate paper, insists that Alabama has made a mistake, and Comp. PILLANS must explain.

He expresses general concurrence with our legislation in California, but advises that we repeal General Regulation 12, and save our Grand High Priest the truth of issuing excuses for irregularity in the form of special dispensations.

Under Canada, in his reply to Comp. ROBERTSON, he enunciates this strictly correct, old fashioned doctrine:—

"Comp. HENRY ROBERTSON presents his twenty-sixth Annual Report on Correspondence, and like all of his that we have seen it contains much that is interesting. We agree with nearly all he says but cannot subscribe to his opinion that membership in a Chapter should not be dependent on membership in a Lodge. The Lodge is the foundation and contains all there is of Masonry except the Royal Arch degree, but the latter would be worthless without the Lodge. Destroy your foundation and your whole superstructure falls. We are as loyal to the Chapter as any man, but if we can have but one we will let everything else go and keep the Lodge. If it is worth having it is worth keeping and we cannot advocate the doctrine that it can be dispensed with."

Comp. CHAS. E. MEYER of this committee, under Florida, in commenting upon the decisions of the Grand High Priest, says:—

"Among the decisions of the Grand High Priest we note: 'For all purposes except opening, closing and conferring degrees, nine members of the Chapter are necessary to constitute a quorum.' If we understand this decision aright, if eight members and one visitor are present at a meeting, the Chapter can be opened, but it requires the presence of another member before the minutes can be read, committees report, and the candidates balloted for. Without the presence of the nine members, the work of the Chapter is stopped. We do not think this ever was so intended and the requirement is not universal. In Pennsylvania the Chapter can be opened and closed with three members present, one of whom must be the High Priest, King or Scribe, but the degree cannot be conferred with a less number than six being present. This has been the work in Pennsylvania for a time that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary."

Under Mississippi, in commenting on the decisions of Grand High Priest SAVERY, who said:—

"There is no law in Mississippi that requires a R. A. Mason to remain an affiliated Master Mason after his exaltation, nevertheless, take away the foundation and the building is in imminent danger of a fall."

Comp. AFRICA of this committee gives us Pennsylvanian law in this regard:—

"Well said! In Pennsylvania a Royal Arch Mason loses his membership by ceasing to be a member of a Master Mason's Lodge for more than six months, and the suspension or expulsion of a Royal Arch, Most Excellent Master or Mark Master Mason from his Lodge of Master Masons *ipso facto* works his suspension or expulsion from his Chapter and Lodge of Mark Master Masons. He must maintain his standing in his Master Mason's Lodge, and when that is lost all his Masonic rights are forfeited. Companions of Mississippi! Look well to the 'foundation.' If that is undermined the whole fabric must fall."

Truer words were never written and we cease to wonder at the abundant, independent prosperity of the American System of Freemasonry, as developed in the great commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

"OUR CENTENNIAL."

"We are now in our ninety-ninth year of life as a Grand Chapter. One year more and then we celebrate our centennial. From what we know of our Grand Chapter that occasion will be most memorable. We trust that around our altar will then be gathered representatives from every legitimate Grand Chapter in the world. It is something of which we should be proud. One hundred years: few men live to reach that age, and if they are providentially permitted to do so the life or the faculties are more or less impaired. But this Grand Chapter lives, stronger in its vigor, giving life to others, and increasing and multiplying its immediate family larger than ever and among whom peace and love and unity prevail. When we look at the past it seems hardly possible that with the progress we have made, and in the many means that have developed, that we may enjoy Masonry. Look at the matter of places of meeting particularly in this jurisdiction—the old Tnn tavern in Water street, Philadelphia, where the first and provincial Grand Lodge met, in 1730-1732, in which we were tenants of but a single room, to the magnificent Masonic Temple in which we now meet, costing nearly a million and three-quarters dollars of which our Grand Lodge is sole owner, and which we believe is the only Masonic Temple in the world devoted exclusively and solely to Masonry, and in which the only business transacted is Masonry. Look at the published proceeding of our own Grand Chapter in 1795, a four-page large foolscap sheet of paper giving the proceedings of the organization of Grand Chapter, and compare them with the proceedings of 1893, embellished with the portraits of our Grand High Priest and of one of his predecessors. No Report on Correspondence then, a full and complete report now; a membership then of scarcely twenty or twenty-five, with a membership now of nearly 2000 members, every one of whom has his vote and say. The degree of the Royal Arch then the fourth, and the degrees of Mark Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason now. Three recognized Chapters, then, one hundred and nineteen now; not one hundred Royal Arch Masons then, fifteen thousand now. During this time the Grand Chapter has been governed by fifty Grand High Priests, ten Grand Treasurers and sixteen Grand Secretaries. These are some of the reasons why we should celebrate our centennial."

Companions of Correspondence for Pennsylvania, we wish you a satisfactory and eminently successful celebration.

The M. E. EDGAR A. TENNIS was re-elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. CHARLES CARY was elected Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC.

The Grand Chapter of Quebec held its sixteenth Annual Convocation in the city of Quebec, January 24th, 1893,—the M. E. ALBERT D. NELSON, Grand Z., presiding, the R. E. JOSEPH MITCHELL being Grand Scribe E. There were present twenty Grand Representatives, and the Representatives of ten chartered Chapters.

The Grand Scribe E. read the notice calling the sixteenth Annual Convocation.

The Grand Scribe N. read the order of procedure from Article V of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

The M. E. the Grand Z. delivered his Annual Address. He made this report relating to his visitations:—

"In this particular I regret to say I have been very remiss, but from a variety of causes it was not possible for me to visit any of the Chapters outside of the Montreal district. Early in the year I was in California for over two months, and later on my health was such that I did not deem it safe or advisable to go away. I regret this the more for I remember with great pleasure my visits in former years, and had hoped to renew the acquaintance with the companions which were so pleasant."

He reported the death of Past Grand Z., M. E. HEZEKIAH LUKE ROBINSON, and eight other distinguished companions of their own jurisdiction, and a large number of eminent Royal Arch Masons, members of several jurisdictions of the United States, whom the "grim hand of death had removed from their high positions in the Craft."

The Grand Superintendents of Districts presented their reports.

Pending the election of officers the Grand Z. requested M. E. Comps. JOHN H. GRAHAM, I. H. STEARNS and WILL H. WHYTE to act as scrutineers, and they reported

the result of the ballot, which was in part as follows: The R. E. Comp. EDWIN R. JOHNSON was elected Grand Z., and the R. E. J. FRED. WALKER was elected Grand J.

The Grand Scribe E. adds the following explanatory note. We sympathize with our companions of Quebec, and especially in the later visitation of the angel of death, whose mandate has covered them with a cloud of sorrow :—

“A word of explanation regarding the delay in issuing the proceedings of the Grand Chapter is due. On the 27th of March a fire unfortunately occurred in the ‘Publishing House,’ printing the proceedings, totally destroying everything, and the work, which was in type and rapidly nearing completion, had all to be gone over. The Chairman of Correspondence, with his usual energy and love for the Royal Craft, immediately offered, if allowed a little time, to again get up his report, and the annual proceedings is now published as nearly complete as before the fire. Should any errors or omissions be noticed, we trust the Craft will kindly, owing to the above circumstances, criticise gently and leniently.”

The death of the Grand Z. and the Grand J. elect being events of extraordinary import to the Grand Chapter, memorial pages, in token of love and esteem for their excellent companions, were published with the proceedings.

A page was also devoted to the memory of the R. E. companion JAMES FREDERICK WALKER, Grand Third Principal J. of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter and Grand Representative of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Massachusetts near this Grand Chapter, who died at his residence in Montreal on Sunday, the 21st May, 1892, after a short illness, and was interred in Mount Royal Cemetery on the 23d with appropriate honors, by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Quebec A. F. and A. M., of which he was a M. W. Past Grand Master. Therefore, in token of their love and esteem and in memory of their late R. E. companion, it was directed that this communication be read in open Chapter, and that each Chapter of their obedience be draped in mourning for the period of six months.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by the E. Comp. E. T. D. CHAMBERS, who gives a review of forty-eight Grand Chapters and the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

In reviewing California he has words of praise for our M. E. Comp. MYRIOK and his excellent Address, which he quotes from liberally, and is pleased with the promotion of Comp. WILLIAM BUCKLEY DAVIS, the Grand Representative of Quebec near California.

He approves the sentiments of Comp. FOSTER, of Colorado, in regard to the rough treatment of candidates while passing through the solemn ceremonies of the Royal Arch degree.

He extends the sympathy of the Craft in Quebec to Florida, in the grievous loss they have sustained in the death of Comp. DAWKINS, and rejoices with the M. E. Comp. TAYLOR, of Georgia, in the bright future of Capitular Masonry in Georgia.

He reviews Kentucky and says :—

“Comp. W. STATION presented, as usual, a splendid Report on Correspondence. The many mutilated pages of our copy tells of the many extracts that were to have appeared in our own review. But ‘the best laid plans of mice, and men, etc., etc.’ And all the kind things that Comp. STATION said of Quebec, and of the Report on Correspondence, they, too, have gone up in smoke; at least our copy of them, for we had sent them, too, to our printer just before the fire that destroyed his establishment with all that it contained.”

In reviewing Maine he pays this well deserved compliment to Comp. DRUMMOND:—

“The net increase during the year in the membership of constituent Chapters was 183, and the present membership is 5,124. The very admirable review of Foreign Correspondence is stamped throughout with the impress of the individuality and Masonic erudition of M. E. Comp. JOSIAH DRUMMOND. Many extracts taken from it for our former report were unfortunately destroyed by fire.”

Of Pennsylvania Comp. CHAMBERS writes :—

"A delightful Report on Correspondence is furnished by Comp. STROCKTON BATES, who has leaped at one bound into the front rank of Grand Chapter reviewers. His review of Quebec is exceedingly generous, and he prints no less than four pages of quotations from our report of 1891."

Comp. CHAMBERS, at the close of his review of the doings of the General Grand Chapter, pays this tribute to the illustrious companion, the late M. E. JOSEPH POTTS HORNOR, General Grand High Priest :—

"M. E. Comp. JOSEPH POTTS HORNOR, of Louisiana, was elected General Grand High Priest, but alas! he was not destined to enjoy for very long this new honor. After a lingering illness, borne with the calmness and courage which characterized him throughout his life, death relieved him of further suffering on the 24th of January, 1893—the day upon which our own Grand Chapter met in Montreal. Need we say how sincerely our sympathy goes out, not only to the companions of Louisiana in this great bereavement, but to the General Grand Chapter of the United States and to all owing it obedience."

The officers of this Grand Chapter are the M. E. Comp. ALBERT D. NELSON, Grand Z, and the M. E. WILL. H. WHYTE, Grand Scribe E. Address of the Grand Scribe E., P. O. box 1797, Montreal, P. Q.

RHODE ISLAND.

The Grand Chapter of Rhode Island held its ninety-fifth Annual Convocation in the city of Providence, March 14th, 1893,—the M. E. GEORGE H. KENYON, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. WILLIAM R. GREENE, Grand Secretary. There were present three Past Grand High Priests, one Past Deputy Grand High Priest, one Past Grand King and five Past Grand Scribes, twenty-two Grand Representatives, and the Representatives of seven chartered Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. After acknowledging the kind indulgence of Divine Providence, he announced the death of Past Grand High Priest OLIVER JOHNSON, at the age of ninety-two years, and also the death of Past Grand Treasurer WILLIAM B. BLANDING. He paid earnest tribute to their memories.

The business of the Grand Chapter was entirely local in character, and but the usual routine followed. The following orders were made, which, with the election of officers, constituted the principal business of the session :—

"Ordered, That the Grand Secretary be allowed and paid the sum of one hundred dollars for his services the past year.

"Ordered, That the Grand Tyler be allowed and paid the sum of five dollars for services.

"Ordered, That the bill for the annual dinner this day provided be paid when audited by the Grand Stewards, and they are hereby directed to provide the usual dinner at the next Annual Convocation.

"Ordered, That the sum of fifty dollars be allowed and paid to the proprietors of the Freemason's Repository for the space occupied in publishing the official business of the Grand Chapter, and for three copies of the same to be furnished to each Chapter in the jurisdiction."

The M. E. HORACE K. BLANCHARD was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. WILLIAM R. GREENE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Grand Chapter of South Carolina held its eighty-second Annual Convocation in the city of Charleston, February 14th, 1893,—the M. E. W. H. WITHEROW, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. J. E. BURKE being Grand Secretary. There were present two Past Grand High Priests, eleven Grand Representatives, and the Representatives of seventeen chartered Chapters.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. He welcomed the assembled companions to this their eighty-second Convocation, and invoked the blessing of the Great I Am upon their deliberations. He named the distinguished companions of other jurisdictions of whose death he had received official notice, and fraternally extended the sympathy of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina to the afflicted jurisdictions. He reports the prevalence of peace and harmony at home; that no grievance had been presented or question of Masonic law submitted for his decision. He adds:—

“But whilst we may not have added largely to our membership, we are not justified in concluding that the Craft have been ‘idle,’ and that the year has been barren of results. If we, as Royal Arch Masons, have illustrated in our lives the principles of our Order, if we have ‘practiced out of the Chapter all those virtues inculcated in it,’ if we ‘have borne the heat and burden of the day,’ as faithful and diligent Craftsmen should, though comparatively few in numbers, we have been a power for good in the communities in which we have dwelt, and we should take courage for the future, and press onward toward higher and nobler accomplishments.”

The volume of proceedings is embellished with the portrait of the M. E. Comp. W. H. WITHEROW, Grand High Priest.

A Convention of High Priests assembled after the closing of the Grand Chapter, the M. E. Comp. W. H. WITHEROW presiding. Six companions, who had been elected High Priests of their respective Chapters, received the Order of High Priesthood.

A digest of the decisions of the General Grand Chapter is published with the proceedings.

The M. E. W. H. WITHEROW was re-elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. J. E. BURKE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

The Grand Chapter of South Dakota held its fourth Annual Convocation in the city of Yankton, June 15th, 1893,—the M. E. EDWARD B. BRACY, Grand High Priest, presiding, and the R. E. GEORGE A. PETTIGREW being Grand Secretary. Nine chartered Chapters were represented, and two under dispensation. One Past Grand High Priest and twelve Grand Representatives were present.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. After the usual welcome to the companions present, he called attention to the death of the General Grand High Priest, Comp. JOSEPH P. HORNOR, and delivered a fervent eulogy upon the life and character of that distinguished Mason.

In the performance of his duties Comp. BRACY found it advisable to issue several dispensations to ballot upon petitions, “waiving the prescribed time.” We hope the M. E. companion's justification for the exercise of his prerogative in the cases mentioned was sufficient, though we except to the soundness of his reasoning in the cases reported when he says:—

“It is difficult to frame a law whose arbitrary enforcement will not work injustice somewhere. Supreme power in the hands of one man would be the best government possible, provided he were capable and just. Such infraction of the law on the part of the Grand High Priest, instead of being an abuse, is a beneficence, and he should not be expected to apologize for this necessary part of his official labor.”

Then why apologize, Comp. BRACY?

The Grand High Priest manifests a deep interest in the prosperity of Capitular Masonry in South Dakota, as he does in the ritualistic work of the several Chapters. The following comments, although applied to Dakota, would not be undeserved in many an older family:—

“Each of my immediate predecessors has rebuked in fitting terms the indulgence of some of our Chapters in frivolity and even indignities unbecoming to the Masonic

character. Yet I am credibly informed that these practices are not entirely stamped out. I always feel a pity—I had almost said a contempt—for the intellect, to say nothing of the heart of the man (I hesitate to say Mason), who has so little appreciation of the real situation upon the 'rugged road' as to convert the beautiful and impressive legendary lecture of the Principal Sojourner into a farce, to the chagrin and discomfort of the initiate, thereby not only destroying the intended effect of the scene, but leaving in its stead a sense of injury. It has been wisely said that a brother should be exalted, not depressed, in his advancement to the Royal Arch. I think the matter worthy the attention of this Grand Body."

This volume of proceedings is ornamented with an engraved portrait of M. E. WILLIAM BLATT, Past Grand High Priest.

Under the head of decisions it is held "that if a Secretary refuses to act, the Grand Council can appoint a Secretary *pro tem*. There is no vacancy; the Secretary having been installed, he cannot resign."

The above may be correct under the Dakota Code, but we can't "concur." In California a Secretary would have as much right to resign as he would have to die or remove from the jurisdiction, so that in case of refusal to act, or other contumacious conduct, a "vacancy" would be very soon created.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, Chairman, in which the doings of forty-four Grand Chapters are reviewed, including the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

California is favorably noticed and M. E. Comp. MYRICK's Address largely quoted. Comp. CASWELL's retirement, as Grand Reporter, is regretted and heartfelt sympathy extended for his illness.

We have read Comp. PETTIGREW's review with much interest. We have found no comments from the conclusions of which we entirely dissent, and in those cases there is undoubtedly a difference in the constitutional law upon which they are founded, and with most of his opinions we are in entire harmony.

The M. E. ROBERT T. SEDAM was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. GEORGE A. PETTIGREW was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held at Hot Springs, June 14, 1894.

TENNESSEE.

The Grand Chapter of Tennessee held its sixty-fifth Annual Convocation in the City of Nashville, January 29th, 1894,—M. E. JOHN T. WILLIAMSON, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. W. A. OLENDENING being Grand Secretary. There were present nine Past Grand High Priests, twenty-seven Grand Representatives of sister Grand Chapters, and the Representatives of fifty-four chartered Chapters.

After opening the Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest appointed the usual committees and then delivered his Annual Address. After returning thanks to God for his protecting care during the past, he recapitulated the duties of his office during the recess—matters of local importance only.

Under the head of necrology, he reports the death roll of the year and pays fraternal tribute to the eminent companions of other States who, in obedience to the summons which we must all receive, have left the companionship of the living to join the innumerable dead.

The Grand High Priest reports that peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction, and that, although the year has been one of unprecedented financial depression, the Chapters have generally "held their own," and some have enjoyed exceptional prosperity.

The Grand Visitors for the Congressional Districts, except the sixth, made full reports of the condition of the Chapters under their supervision.

The Committee on Correspondence recommended and the Grand Chapter

"Resolved, That this Grand Chapter recognize the Supreme Grand Chapter of New South Wales as a regularly constituted Grand Chapter of Capitular Masonry, and that we welcome it as such into the family of Grand Chapters.

"Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be requested to appoint a Grand Representative near said Supreme Grand Chapter, and request the appointment of a Grand Representative near this Grand Chapter.

"GEORGE C. CONNOR, *Chairman*."

"THANKS.

"The thanks of the Grand Chapter were extended to the Grand Visitors by a rising vote for the impressive manner in which the Royal Arch degree was exemplified on Monday night."

We are pleased to make record of the continuance of illustrious Comp. GEORGE C. CONNOR as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

The Representative for California, E. Comp. A. S. MYERS, was present.

Tennessee reports 2,624 Royal Arch Masons holding membership in her subordinate Chapters.

Past Grand High Priest N. W. SPAULDING represents the Grand Chapter of Tennessee near California.

The Grand Council of High Priests held its thirtieth Annual Convocation during the session of the Grand Chapter—the M. E. JOHN B. GARRETT, President. Seventeen companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, being duly qualified, were introduced, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood. All funds in the treasury were donated to the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home—"a good investment." The Grand Council of High Priests for Tennessee was organized October 9th, 1860, and has enrolled 492 members.

The Report on Correspondence bears the mark of Comp. GEORGE C. CONNOR, Chairman. He gives us a review of forty-five Grand Bodies in his usual happy vein, full of intelligent and instructive comments. The doings of the Capitular Legislatures are particularly barren about these days, but Comp. CONNOR seems to coax them into yielding material for his wit and judgment. The report is good, if for no other reason, simply because he can't write any other.

Under Arizona Comp. CONNOR writes pleasant words of that lively correspondent, Comp. LIGHTHIZE, without thought that before his kind message should reach Arizona that dear brother should have shaken off this earthly body and passed to rest eternal. How often are we reminded of the uncertain tenure of human life. We are here to-day; to-morrow we die.

Under Arkansas we learn that the following brand new decision was put forth and affirmed in Georgia:—

"When a companion objected to the conferring of the degree after a brother had been elected, the companion should state his objection in open Chapter, and then the ballot should be spread again, and if only one black ball appeared, the Chapter should proceed to confer the degrees.

"The following is Comp. LAUGHLIN's comment on this thoroughly unmasonic decision:—

"We are gradually innovating; presently a majority only may be necessary in the Chapter, and every brother or companion who objects must state his objection in open Lodge or Chapter, if we would keep up with the progressive societies around us."

And Comp. CONNOR comments as follows:—

"Yes, dear LAUGHLIN, it is the mercenary spirit developed by these modern secret insurance societies that is corrupting Masonry. Think of a man on the outside being forced upon the association of a companion on the inside! The companion exercises his right of objection, but the majority scorn such a right, and by electing the outsider tells the objecting companion, 'If you don't like it, you may lump it; if you don't like his association, get out.' Abominable!"

With all due respect for Comps. LAUGHLIN and O'CONNOR, we dissent for several reasons.

First. We think the Georgia decision quoted so totally wrong that it can neither influence nor be precedent for anybody holding allegiance to the original plan of Masonry.

Second. We disagree with Comp. LAUGHLIN, "that we are gradually innovating." We hold the reverse to be true; and at no time since the establishment of Capitular Masonry have the principles and groundwork been so carefully observed and zealously guarded.

And third. The conclusion of Comp. CONNOR, "that the modern secret societies are corrupting Masonry." We don't believe it, Bro. GEORGE. Of course, you know that in an organization so extensive and so widely disseminated as ours untenable foolish theories will be advanced and local and selfish legislation had, but it never obtains footing; it but excites inquiry and brings to notice the information that very soon corrects the error.

Under California, Comp. CONNOR commends our legislation; thinks our Grand High Priest that was, M. E. WILLIAM B. DAVIS, a good judge of refreshment and climate, a promoter of peace and harmony; and the jurisdiction in a healthy condition.

Comp. CONNOR's good opinion of this committee is fully reciprocated.

Under Kansas, Comp. C. can't help giving Grand High Priest POSTLETHWAITE his congratulations upon the escape we had in the dim past from more "landmarks." Comp. POSTLETHWAITE decided that:—

"The serving of beer, or other intoxicants, at banquets under the auspices of the Chapter, is in direct violation of the principles of our Order."

And GEORGE C. CONNOR observes:—

"And yet our ancient brethren, whose landmarks we adore, and whose operative physical perfection we demand, drank beer and intoxicants galore at each Convocation. It is matter for gratitude that they did not make such guzzling a landmark. Had they, O my!"

Under Kentucky, Comp. JAMES W. STATION writes:—

"If we could have our way a tax would be imposed on all non-affiliates. Companions would have no tastes to consult if it was not for Blue Masonry, which gives the Chapter, Council and Commandery, as well as the Scottish Rite, the right to exist. It is true the Scottish Rite has a system of Symbolic Masonry of its own, but cannot exercise it in this country, but the others named have no other foundation whatever, except the Blue Masonry as it is organized and practised in the English speaking countries."

To which Comp. CONNOR responds for Tennessee:—

"It is the judgment of Tennessee that brethren are not to be punished, or even condemned, for declining to remain in affiliation with a Lodge or a Chapter. Non-affiliates are to be punished, however, if they fail to discharge their esoteric duties to the Craft at large, or refuse to pay their poll tax in fulfilment of that duty. The authorized governing powers of the Craft determine this poll tax and collect it. These authorized governing powers are the Grand Lodges."

Under Mississippi, Comp. CONNOR asks a question which we have desired to give expression to very many times while writing this report: What earthly reason is there for misspelling the name of so illustrious a Mason as the late General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States? And yet the following is the truth as written by Comp. CONNOR:—

"Why the multitude of mourners persist in using an 'e' instead of an 'o' in the name of the illustrious dead chief, JOSEPH P. HONOR, passes understanding. In but four papers have we found it spelled correctly. Apparently a small matter; nothing to the dead, but annoying to the living. Some have called him 'Homer,' and one 'Hanner.'"

We will only add that after the specimens that have been "sent up" for our inspection we would not be surprised to see the name spelt with a "K" in the next volume received.

Under Texas Comp. CONNOR quotes this decision of the Grand High Priest and comments thereon in his peculiar vein. He roasts the application of the physical perfection dogma to Masons, and "bastes the foolish fowl well while roasting." It is too good to "dismember," and so we quote it in its unqualified perfection :—

"Was asked if the loss of a finger from the left hand would render a candidate ineligible to the Royal Arch and appendant degrees. I answered that the Grand Chapter follows the rule laid down by the Grand Lodge of Texas, which requires that a candidate should be without maim or defect of any kind."

And Comp. GEORGE C. CONNOR, of Tennessee, remarks :—

"Dear, O dear! We beseech you, companions, do not take offense, but tolerate this righteous ebullition. Such a decision is the very essence of thoughtlessness boiled down into gruel. Physical perfection in Capitular Masonry! No wonder the world is rent into parties, factions, cliques and sects. The Lord alone knows what absurd beliefs are possible to that many-tinted thing, the human mind. If there is the weight of an oyster's brain of rhyme or reason in such demand for physical perfection, then will we throw up the sponge and settle back into the darkest corner of our dense ignorance. No use to shilly-shally with such views! Let's sting 'em to death.

"We imagine a Texas High Priest examining a Master Mason as to his possible 'deformities.' He begins :—

"'Stretch forth both hands and stand firm.' *Done.*

"Fingers are counted, and nails and joints carefully examined.

"'Right, complete, perfect; hands down,' *Done.*

"'Remove your hose, and stretch forth both crubeens.' *Done.*

"Toes counted, nails examined, shape of foot generally criticized.

"'Correct, though slightly fragrant. Restore hose.' *Done.*

"Then the High Priest breathes a word of encouragement, and perhaps 'smiles,' after which :—

"'My brother, that there may be no deception practiced upon the "Royal Craft" by even a semblance of "deformity," strip to your buff.' *Done*, but with great reluctance.

"Now a plumb line is dropped to test the exactitude of the spinal column; the abdomen is subjected to geometrical measurements and then sounded for ruptures and things; the legs are set together and examinations made as to width and curvatures of the daylight apertures. The results are most gratifying, except as to ruptures; one is discovered, and Texas, like Kentucky, tolerates no belly that is imperfectly enwalled! Alas! alas! Even the perfection of his fingers and toes, of his moral character and nobility of life cannot save him now. His belly is 'busted' and he must walk the Capitular plank."

As usual, Comp. CONNOR's report is accompanied with concluding papers, his subjects being : "Is Capitular Masonry prosperous," "Physical perfection," "The degree of Mark Master," "Pledging the Mark of the Brotherhood," and "Capitular Masonry." A most interesting and instructive dissertation of twelve pages. We would that we had space and could put these useful writings in the hands of every companion in California.

The M. E. J. H. MCCLISTER was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. W. A. CLENDENNING was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held at Nashville, January 23th, 1895.

TEXAS.

The Grand Chapter of Texas held its forty-fourth Annual Convocation in the city of Houston, December 5th, 1893.—M. E. S. J. MORRIS, Grand High Priest, presiding, the E. Comp. ROBERT BREWSTER, Grand Secretary. There were present twelve Past Grand High Priests, the Representatives of ninety-nine chartered Chapters, and the Grand Representatives of thirty-five sister jurisdictions. Comp. A. S. RICHARDSON, representing California, was present.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest announced the usual committees and proceeded with his Annual Address. He first returned thanks to God for his watchful care and protection of their Capitular household for the past year, and welcomed all to renewed consideration of such regulations as are necessary for the continued progress and final success of their beloved organization.

He referred with much feeling to the death of their Senior Grand Steward during the year, and paid earnest tribute to his memory. He directed that a page in the proceedings be set apart in memory of his faithful service.

The eminent dead of sister jurisdictions were reported from the record, and fraternal mention made of Masonic service in their respective stations. In his notice the Grand High Priest says: "In this array of illustrious names 'who have gone over the river and are now resting under the shade of the trees,' Texas mourns the loss of one of her Grand Representatives, Comp. DONALD W. BAIN, of North Carolina."

Of their finances he says:—

"From all sources our income is now, annually, about \$4,500. Our expenditures, when the legislation is felt of the last Convocation, will be largely decreased, and I am happy to inform you that we will have a surplus this year left in our Grand Treasurer's hands of about \$2,500. These estimates are based upon the amount of cash which it has been the rule to be received after the first of December, to which time our first report of our fiscal officers is customarily made."

Grand High Priest MORRIS, in his Address, makes an argument *in extenso* to establish, first, that the American Royal Arch system is wrong, because it embraces the degree of Past Master, which is wrongfully given in the Chapter because it belongs to the Lodge; and that the organization of the General Grand Chapter is irregular and not entitled to the allegiance of Texas.

We have read his Address carefully and endeavored to put ourself in his place to reasonably account for Comp. MORRIS' strange hallucination. After recounting the early events connected with the Grand Chapter of Texas, he speaks of the charter of Chapters by the General Grand Chapter in the jurisdiction of Texas as an "invasion," and remarks of the "invaders" as follows:—

"But that they did this thing and were successful in its accomplishment of invasion and conquest then and now is most certainly different. Then Texas was bounded on the south by the soft breezes, sandy beaches and murmuring waves of the Gulf and the maddened and most bloodthirsty, but recently defeated nation of Mexicans; on the west by the roaming, thieving, murdering Apaches, Comanches, coyotes, herds of browsing buffalo, and the beautiful setting sun; on the north by the recently deported Indians, with their mixture of criminals and refugees from justice, and the scum of civilization; on the east by tangled forests, long, dreary roads, deep rivers and hope, the anchor which held our noble band of patriots safely together, until at San Jacinto SANTA ANNA was made to cower down like a whipped spaniel at the feet of our immortal HOUSTON, who was one of the founders of this Grand Lodge, as well as 'the first in war, the first in peace, and the first in the hearts of Texas patriots.'"

"In this sad and lonely, yet independent condition, we were attacked by our friends, and made to yield to the demands of the General Grand Chapter. But all of our people did not yield, and while some died in Masonic disgrace, clandestine, because they would not be healed, this humiliation others had to submit to in order that they might receive Masonic consideration in their old age. Others still outlived it all, and were active members of this Grand Chapter after its present organization, and no Mason has, in the State of Texas, sworn his allegiance to the General Grand Chapter in thirty-two years, five months and eighteen days—since the adoption of our present Constitution. The obligation so taken by our old companions, we consider, has been abrogated by the action taken then. And to those who come among us from other jurisdictions, and who took this formal allegiance obligation in the States from which they came, will they demand that a whole generation of Texas-made Masons declare themselves clandestine because you owed allegiance to another body in another State? In Pennsylvania, Virginia, Rhode Island, and all the

balance of the world where the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter is not acknowledged, do not Royal Arch Masons, made such in other States, live together in peace and harmony? This question of the allegiance obligation cuts no figure, because of the words, 'or any other State in whose jurisdiction I might be,' absolves from this allegiance part when in such State or Territory as does not acknowledge this so-called General Grand Chapter.

"Now, companions, I thank you for having honored me with your highest place. I have endeavored to do my duty, and while I do not expect you to approve my every act, yet if you will only believe my efforts honest ones to serve you, and not those of a blind partisan unwilling from past education and the sin of being born among the best people on the earth, if being born in the South is a sin, and loving this whole country to the extent that no part of it is so far from me that I am not willing to stand with the foremost of its own citizens in repelling our common foes, be they from within or without our limits, then am I content."

We read the foregoing with feelings of surprise and wonder at the publication of the above sentiments as an expression of the Royal Arch sense of Texas in the year 1893, but when we find, as a supplement to the declaration put forth, the following endorsement from the Committee on Grand Officers' Reports, we give it up. Texas wants to be let alone :—

"We can but commend the patriotic and earnest remark of the M. E. Grand High Priest in regard to our relations with the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

"In view of the action taken by the Grand Chapter appointing a committee to visit the General Grand Chapter, we refrain from making any recommendation on this subject."

Yet, notwithstanding the foregoing, the Grand Chapter adopted the following preamble and resolution :—

"Whereas, At the last Stated Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, held in the city of Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1891, a committee was appointed to visit the Grand Chapter of Texas for the purpose, as stated in the resolution adopted, to 'seek by fraternal endeavor to induce the Grand Chapter of Texas to renew its relation to the General Grand Chapter;' and

"Whereas, Comps. LEMON and SPEED, as the representatives of said General Grand Chapter, visited the Grand Chapter of Texas at its last Annual Convocation and presented in person the resolution so adopted; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That a committee of five members of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas be appointed to visit the said General Grand Chapter at its next Stated Convocation, to be held in the city of Topeka, Kansas, on July 18, 1894, for the purpose of ascertaining upon what terms and under what conditions the General Grand Chapter will receive the Grand Chapter of Texas; provided, said Grand Chapter should decide to accept the invitation to unite itself with said General Grand Chapter; and that said committee make a full report back to this Grand Chapter at its next Annual Convocation."

The Grand High Priest appointed the following committee: Past Grand Masters and Past Grand High Priests FRANK B. SEXTON and JAMES F. MILLER, Past Grand Master MARCUS F. MOTT, Past Grand High Priest JOHN McDONALD, and Comp. CHARLES S. MORSE.

Comp. GEORGE LOPAS, JR., was elected Grand Secretary. We acknowledge and salute you, Comp. GEORGE.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of Texas assembled during the session of the Grand Chapter, the M. E. HENRY F. GILLETTE, President. Seventeen companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, being otherwise qualified, were elected, introduced, anointed and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood. Council closed.

The worthy successor of Comp. KIDD (the long time Texas Chairman), Comp. GEORGE LOPAS, JR., presented the Report on Correspondence, a review of the proceedings of forty-two State Grand Bodies, with those of Canada, England and Wales, New South Wales, Nova Scotia and Quebec. We are much pleased to note the elec-

tion of Comp. LOPAS as Grand Secretary; it makes him a fixture of the Grand Chapter of Texas, and from the specimen of his skill already sent up for inspection, we predict for him the approbation and applause of his companions, in whatever part of the work he shall undertake.

The Grand Chapter of Texas is represented with us of California by him of many titles, Comp. General THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, 33°.

In his review of California Comp. LOPAS gives his approval to the Address of Grand High Priest DAVIS, and the general tenor of our legislation, and says kind words of this writer, for which we return thanks.

Under Georgia Comp. LOPAS quotes the following referring to the Order of High Priesthood in the Grand Council of Georgia:—

“The President stated that he had received some letters from other jurisdictions relative to a General Convention at the next Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, to try and make the work uniform.

“On motion, our President was requested to reply to these, informing our sister Councils of the entire willingness of this Council to unite in the General Council for the object named.”

And Comp. LOPAS comments as follows:—

“We do not favor this. It smacks too much of General Grands to suit us. We have a beautiful ritual and the ceremonies are intensely impressive, and, to our notion, cannot be improved upon.

“If this project is carried out the ground will be about covered on General Grands. The only thing left will be for some one to call a Grand Uniformity Convention for the Past Master’s degree in the Blue Lodge! Selah!”

Now hold on a bit, Comp. LOPAS, and let us reason together. No. We don’t want any General Grands; but if you companions of Texas have ceremonies pertaining to the Order under consideration that are “intensely interesting,” why not take advantage of the general assembling of High Priests at the next Triennial for conference as to the different forms of ceremony in use, and give others the opportunity of obtaining the Texas ritual. We in California use the “Hubbard ritual.” It has our admiration, and, of course, our approval, yet if there is a better exemplification in use of the “Battle of the Kings in the Vale of Siddim,” as related in Genesis, 14th Chap., 8, 9, 12, 17, 18, 24 verses, with the ceremonies representing the captors and the spoils, by all means let us have it, to the end that we may all “agree in peace, love and unity,” in our explanations of the mysteries of this Order.

This, as we understand the matter, is the proposition of Comp. CHAMBERLIN, of Ohio. The proposed meeting is not for the purpose of making General Grands, but for consultation, and, possibly, if we are not all too full of wisdom already, for instruction.

The M. E. FRANK NUSOM was elected Grand High Priest, and E. GEORGE LOPAS, JR., was elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Houston, Dec. 4, 1894.

VERMONT.

The Grand Chapter of Vermont held its seventy-sixth Annual Convocation in the city of Burlington, June 16th, 1893,—the M. E. GEORGE W. WING Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. WARREN G. REYNOLDS being Grand Secretary. There were present five Past Grand High Priests, twenty-eight Grand Representatives and the Representatives of twenty-six chartered Chapters.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, commencing with this beautiful opening:

“That wonderful stream, the river of time,
As it runs through the realms of tears,
With faultless rhythm and a musical rhyme,
And a broader sweep and a surge sublime,
And blends with the ocean of years,”

bears us to our seventy-sixth Annual Convocation. It gives me pleasure, companions, to welcome you again to this returning season of pleasant companionship, and I trust not unprofitable season of labor in behalf of our constituent Chapters. Having, with our Grand Chaplain, reverently invoked God's blessing on our labors, and given thanks, that while so many have fallen by the wayside, we have providentially been spared to meet and greet each other once again, I now invite your attention to the business of the session."

His first consideration is in memory of the fraternal dead, thirty-six companions having joined the silent majority since their last Annual Convocation. He records their names and pays feeling tribute to their memories.

He announces the death of the M. E. JOSEPH PORTS HONOR General Grand High Priest, gives the record of his Masonic life, and presents him as a citizen above reproach.

He also says:—

"From all our sister jurisdictions come tidings of the havoc made by the grim destroyer. None escape him. The roll is long of those who have given of the best of their lives to the service of their brethren; of names honored throughout the world; a record of individual effort in the service of the brotherhood of man. 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.' I recommend that memorial pages be set apart to their memory."

He says:—

"I have not been called upon to make any decision upon any question of Masonic law during the year. I have answered many questions, but all by reference to plain well established principles of law and usage. I am pleased to note and to report that in nearly every instance the communication showed that the enquirer had investigated the subject matter, formed and expressed his judgment, submitting the same for my approval or otherwise."

The Grand High Priest says of his visitations:—

"During the year I have made such visitations as I could. I have regretted to say no to any request for my presence or for any purpose or desire of my brethren. But everywhere I have received the utmost courtesy and the warmest of welcomes. I have observed an increase of interest in the work and in the attendance, and this interest bids fair to increase rather than diminish. At every opportunity, in season and out, I have exhorted the companions to pay more attention to the social element of our institution. We know too little of each other's desires, hopes and aspirations; too little of each other's necessities; the opportunity to assist, to save, to dispense charity, to whisper good counsel is often lost from want of knowledge that such opportunity exists. Come closer together, my brethren, and with mutual exchange of confidences let us learn to know each other better."

This jurisdiction is divided into five Districts supervised by District Deputies, who report the condition of their respective Districts to the Grand Chapter at its Annual Convocations.

The proceedings contain memorial pages devoted to the memory of the dead of their own and also of their sister Grand Chapters.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by the M. E. MARSH O. PERKINS, Past Grand High Priest and Chairman.

In reviewing California, he commends the Address of M. E. Comp. MYRICK, quotes largely from it, and says at its close: "A volume of sermons, rarely condensed, that ought to be pasted in the hat of many a High Priest."

He says of Florida:

"There is no Report on Correspondence, as Companion D. C. DAWKINS, who had prepared the Report for several years, was stricken with paralysis within a week after the close of Grand Chapter, and the other members of the committee deemed themselves unequal to the task of lifting the burden necessarily laid aside by the now lamented Grand Secretary, who entered into final rest in October following."

In reviewing Iowa, Comp. PERKINS asks a pertinent question and recites the result of Cerneanism in that jurisdiction under their "Heroic treatment." We copy:

Comp. WILLIAM BRYAN ISAACS has answered to fifty annual roll-calls in Old Virginia. The Grand High Priest says of him:—

GRAND SECRETARY.

As was predicted in the address of my esteemed predecessor, I have been greatly aided by this generous and efficient officer; indeed it is difficult to see how I should have gotten along without the assistance of this learned and experienced companion. It may not be amiss in this connection that I should call your attention to the length of time with which this Grand Chapter has been favored with his services, he having, at this Grand Annual Convocation, answered to the roll call at every Convocation for the fiftieth time. God grant that he may be spared to us for many more years of usefulness, and that the remaining years of his life may be crowned with peace, prosperity and happiness."

Of the Masonic Home of Virginia he says:—

"This magnificent Masonic charity continues to grow in favor with the fraternity and now affords a striking lesson of the practical utility of Masonry. Companions, I commend it to your earnest attention; it is in the hands of able and efficient management, whose names are a guarantee to the useful application of all contributions."

The Grand Lecturer made a detailed and very thorough report. He says the advance in Capitular Masonry in Virginia is steadily increasing and becoming more marked as the years go by. A greater number of companions interest themselves in the work and a higher standard is the result.

On the second day, after the election of officers for the ensuing year, and immediately succeeding the investment of the Grand Secretary, the M. E. W. L. JEFFRIES, Past Grand High Priest, directed the attention of Comp. ISAACS, and spoke as follows:—

"Comp. ISAACS, having, at this Grand Annual Convocation, answered to roll call as Deputy Grand Secretary and Grand Secretary in this Grand Chapter for the fiftieth time, on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, I desire to present you this chair. Masonry, from its incipency, we are taught, has been pleased to recognize merit in those who, from their skill, virtue and inflexible fidelity to their trust, have proved themselves worthy. Continued length of service from its very nature offers abundant evidence of such fidelity. Longfellow beautifully expresses the idea when, in a couplet, he says:

'Honor and fame from no condition rise;
Act well thy part, there all the glory lies.'

"I know of no office in a Masonic body more important or more calculated to try skill and fidelity than that of Secretary, and especially is this true of the Secretary of the Grand Bodies. Masonry also decidedly recognizes the importance of refreshment—that refreshment brought about by quiet, gentle rest. My companion, this Grand Chapter, mindful of the sentiments just expressed and justly appreciating your long and faithful service, desires in some way to extend to you a memento of their appreciation, feeling that you have well earned such recognition. We tender you this with our love, we wish that you may be greatly refreshed with the full assurance of the fraternal good wishes of this Grand Body, and that in your future service you may feel assured of the good wishes of all of your companions."

Bro. ISAACS represents the Grand Chapter of California near Virginia.

The District Deputy Grand Lecturer for the ten districts of Virginia reported the condition of the Chapters in their respective districts.

A convention of High Priests, for the conferring of the Order of High Priesthood was held in the City of Richmond, Oct. 11, 1893, the E. E. LOUIS IDE acting President, the R. E. J. T. CARTER acting Secretary. Eight companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, were admitted, anointed and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood. Convention closed.

There is no Report on Correspondence this year.

The M. E. JOHN THOMAS CARTER was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. WM. BRYAN ISAACS was re-elected Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON.

The Grand Chapter of Washington held its ninth Annual Convocation in the City of Tacoma, June 16th, 1893,—the *M. E.* WILLIAM McMICKEN, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* YANCEY C. BLALOOK being Grand Secretary. There were present five Past Grand High Priests, sixteen Grand Representatives—the representatives of all (16) chartered Chapters and two under dispensation.

After opening the Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest delivered the Annual Address. He extended to the companions of Washington a hearty welcome, and expressed his satisfaction at being permitted to exchange once again fraternal greetings.

The Grand High Priest reports the death of several companions during the year, and submits the sorrowful intelligence in the following decidedly original language:—

“While a reasonable degree of prosperity for the past year has been awarded us through the beneficent kindness of our Heavenly Father, yet that inevitable adjuster of time has claimed his annual dues in the form of more precious material than gold or silver. Human life alone is his legal tender, and while his demands have been comparatively light in numbers, still, as heretofore, some of our brightest and most honored companions have been required to satisfy his claims.

“The list of those who have passed the guards to the entrance of their silent Tabernacle are reported to me by the Grand Secretary.”

After naming the companions, he paid earnest tribute to the usefulness of their earthly lives, committing them, in fraternal remembrance, to the care of the Heavenly Father. He also announced the departure from this life of the many eminent companions of sister jurisdictions and of the great loss sustained by Capitular Masonry in their going out from among us. He closes his memorial as follows:—

“Companions, let us now mingle our tears of sorrow and deepest emotions of sympathy with our bereaved sister jurisdictions, as they will no doubt extend the same condolence to us.”

Under the head of decisions, the Grand High Priest, instead of rebuking his constituency for indulging in the asking of many questions, takes advantage of the opportunity to compliment the companions of Washington upon their thorough understanding of Masonic law, in the following neat family endorsement:—

“The few questions submitted for my decision by the constituent Chapters of this jurisdiction bears evidence of their thorough comprehension of Masonic law, and that high ability and essential skill which I am glad to see so generally recognized by the companions in the selection of their presiding officers.”

The Grand High Priest reports the case of one C. O. WHITE, a non-affiliate, a resident and citizen of Tacoma, who wandered into the jurisdiction of *New Jerusalem* Chapter, No. 47, New York, where he received the Capitular degrees, and shortly afterwards returned to Tacoma.

We don't like perpetual jurisdiction, but such an outrage on Masonic comity as this one ought not to be possible. However, as the matter is being investigated by the parties interested, we forbear comment at this time.

The Grand High Priest made a thorough visitation of his constituent Chapters and is enthusiastic in their praise.

He recommended one amendment to the Constitution, striking out the prefix to the title of the Grand Chapter—“Most Excellent”—and in that connection says:—

"That the prefix of 'Most Excellent' is a useless innovation, which only encumbers our correspondence and address, and smacks too strongly of that modern, disgusting practice of attempting to bestow titles where they do not belong, a practice which I am sorry to say is growing all over our country, and more especially in the West, but which should never have crept into or be tolerated in any Masonic body. Such titled adjectives more often bring ridicule than respect, whenever too profusely indulged in."

In which recommendation the committee and the Grand Chapter did not agree.

The Committee on Grievance and Appeal reported no grievances, no appeals, no murmurs of discontent, no business.

We are pleased to note that Comp. YANCEY C. BLALOCK, of Walla Walla, is retained as Chairman of Correspondence.

This Grand Chapter shows a net gain for 1893 of ninety-five Royal Arch Masons borne upon the rolls.

Comp. BLALOCK, in his Report on Correspondence, reviews the proceedings of forty-five Grand Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, besides the Grand Chapters of England and Wales, Nova Scotia and Quebec.

The Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held during the session of the Grand Chapter, the M. E. WALTER J. THOMPSON, President. Eleven companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters and otherwise qualified, were admitted and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood. Convention closed.

Comp. BLALOCK reports no vital or even important question having a tendency to agitate the Capitular world at present, and after recapitulating the doings of the various Grand Bodies of the East, West, North and South, he concludes that the Royal Craft is enjoying an era of prosperity and is being borne along upon the full tide of successful progress. We join him in his congratulations to our friends in Alabama upon their acquirement of a Temple ample for their convenience and comfort, and representative of their grand organization.

He quotes approvingly from the legislation of California and gives expression to the general condemnation of rude and boisterous conduct in the rehearsal of the second and fourth degrees in Chapter.

Comp. BLALOCK reports generally and fully the questions propounded to Grand High Priests, with their decisions thereon, making a very thorough digest of the legislation in that particular of all the Grand Chapters, an extended review of which would demand more space than we have to spare.

Comp. BLALOCK quotes from Comp. CONNOR of Tennessee his interesting dissertations upon the ceremonials, with the lack of solemnity in their application; the history of the Royal Arch, with the route of the captains from Jerusalem to Babylon, with a diagram of a properly arranged Chapter and illustrations of suitable Royal Arch clothing. These valuable papers furnish reliable information to the student and will be preserved as text books for reference in the distant future. Comp. CONNOR has done loyal service to Capitular Masonry by his publications, and Comp. BLALOCK has earned the thanks of the companions of Washington by placing in their hands such desirable knowledge. In this contribution Comp. CONNOR asks a question which we should hope to see answered with emphasis in the affirmative. Is Lodge affiliation necessary to Chapter membership? In our opinion the question opens up the probable continued existence of Capitular Masonry in its present exalted position. The experience of the past fifty years in making Chapter membership dependent upon Lodge affiliation and the effect upon Capitular Masonry is so plain that he who runs may read. It has built up and sustained the Royal Arch Chapters and held them firmly in place, forming the

trinity of the American system of Freemasonry. May it grow with the growth of our country.

The *M. : E. :* JOHN W. BEAN was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. : E. :* YANCEY C. BLALOCK was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next (10th) Annual Convocation will be held in the City of Colfax, Wednesday, September 12th, 1894.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The Grand Chapter of West Virginia held its twenty-second Annual Convocation in the City of Charleston, November 14th, 1892,—the *M. : E. :* BRAXTON W. GIBSON, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. : E. :* ODEL S. LONG being Grand Secretary. There were present seven Past Grand High Priests and the Representatives of fourteen chartered Chapters.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. He says: "I have the pleasure of congratulating the Grand Chapter upon the peace and harmony prevailing throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, and I am glad to announce a fair increase and advancement of the interests of Capitular Masonry in our subordinate Chapters, where there seems to be a growing appreciation of the true influences and effectiveness of work and skill among the craftsmen."

He says of their new relations with the General Grand Chapter:—

"THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

"Pursuant to the special direction contained in the resolution of this Grand Chapter, of date the 9th day of November, 1891, your committee, consisting of this Grand Council and Past Grand High Priests K. D. WALKER and O. S. LONG, have formally effected the admission of this Grand Chapter as a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, and, under date of the 11th day of May, 1892, our Proclamation was issued accordingly.

"The establishment of such harmonious and fraternal relations between this Grand Chapter and the General Grand Chapter will tend to increase and widen the sphere of our fraternal spirit, and would seem to bespeak for us a more honored intercourse with our beloved sister Grand Chapters, in the much desired union of the bonds of the Royal Craft under the now nearly complete General Grand Arch of companionship.

"I think we cannot but felicitate ourselves upon this auspicious event in the history of our Grand Chapter, and we can well wish that the centennial year of the General Grand Chapter, 1897, may find all the State Grand Chapters in a united chain of one common Capitular communion.

"The most fraternal and cordial greetings and recognition were extended to our Grand Chapter and the Royal Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction by *M. : E. :* General Grand High Priest JOSEPH P. HORNOR, who assured us that no radical changes would be necessary in our ritual and organization.

"In this connection, I desire thus publicly to tender most cordial thanks of the companions and myself to *M. : E. :* Comp. WILLIAM WILBRAHAM, Grand High Priest of the State of Iowa, for his personal and official congratulations and greetings expressed so kindly by him to me and through me to all companions of the Royal Craft in West Virginia."

Of the visitation of death the Grand High Priest reports:—

"DEATHS.

"Official circulars from our sister Grand Chapters have been handed to me too late for me to report a full necrological record for the past year. The God of all mercies has shielded the ranks of this Grand Chapter from the invasions of death, but I have heard, through letters herewith submitted, that several of our sister Grand Chapters have been caused to mourn. These letters will be referred to the Committee on Obituary, which will report the proper tributes of respect and esteem.

"Death has knocked at the door of several of our subordinate Chapters and called some of our worthy and honored companions from labor to eternal rest. The

Grand Secretary will have the information to enable him (as is customary) to insert in the Grand Chapter proceedings the appropriate memorial tablets to the memory of the deceased companions, whose memories deserve the honor of the enwreathing chaplets of sorrow."

We append the general summary of returns for 1892 :—

"Number of working Chapters, 20; number making returns, 20; Royal Arch Masons, 1,000; exalted during the year, 143; admitted, 7; suspended, 20; dimitted, 18; died, 14; rejected, 10; net increase during the year, 98."

There is no Report on Correspondence.

A Council of the Order of High Priesthood was held on November 15th, 1892, the M. E. ODEL S. LONG, President. The Council was opened in Ample Form and ceremony. Four companions who had been elected High Priests of their respective Chapters received the Order of High Priesthood. Convention closed.

A digest of decisions of General Grand Chapter is published with the proceedings.

The M. E. JOHN W. MORRIS was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. ODEL S. LONG was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chapter of West Virginia held its twenty-third Annual Convocation in the City of Wheeling, November 13th, 1893,—the M. E. JOHN W. MORRIS, Grand High Priest, presiding, and the R. E. ODEL S. LONG being Grand Secretary. There were present eight Past Grand High Priests, the Representatives of sixteen sister jurisdictions, and the Representatives of fourteen chartered Chapters.

Upon the opening of the Grand Chapter the Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address.

The business of the session was solely of local importance, except a question of jurisdiction between the two Virginias, arising out of "the nearest" or the "most convenient" Chapter to each, by brethren located near the boundary line dividing the States.

The Grand High Priest reported the loss to the several Grand Jurisdictions of eminent companions noted as leaders in the councils of Capitular Masonry. He recommended suitable action "in memoriam."

A Council of the Order of High Priesthood was held during the session of the Grand Chapter, the M. E. ODEL S. LONG, President. Seven companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, were anointed and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood. Convention closed.

The Representative of California, M. E. KEPHART D. WALKER, was "actively" present at this Convocation.

The recapitulation of the returns of the chartered Chapters of West Virginia is taken from Comp. LONG's report :—

"Number of working Chapters, 20; number making returns, 18; number represented, 14; Royal Arch Masons, 1,027; exalted, 73; admitted, 8; dimitted, 17; suspended, 23; died, 15; reinstated, 1; net increase, 27."

The Report on Correspondence is presented by Comp. HUGH W. TONENCE, who reviews the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Bodies, including the General Grand Chapter. He gives us of California a very complimentary notice, quoting from our Grand High Priest, M. E. WILLIAM B. DAVIS, the sentiments expressed in his Address, the reports of our Committee on Jurisprudence, and the general tenor of our legislation.

We acknowledge the compliment on behalf of the Committee on Correspondence, and return our thanks therefor.

Comp. TONENOR, in his review of Indiana, writes the following pleasant words: of the veteran WILLIAM HACKER of that State. You are right, Comp. TONENOR. Comp. WILLIAM HACKER was an "ideal Grand High Priest," a man eminently fitted to preside over "the sons of light," and a worthy representative of Melchisedeck in the ceremonials of High Priesthood:—

"The first page of the proceedings has a fine engraving, the portrait of Past Grand High Priest WILLIAM HACKER. It is eminently patriarchal, the benevolent expression, features, white hair and long white beard makes him in appearance the ideal Grand High Priest. If inserted in our modern bibles it would pass as a model representation of AARON, the first High Priest of the Hebrews. He was a good Grand High Priest, and certainly he looks it. To look at his picture must make Comps. DAVIS, GIBSON and MORRIS feel that somehow they must have gotten in the wrong pew; that in comparison with Comp. HACKER they may be Past Priests, but they are not very High and not at all Grand. Another decade on Comp. ODEL S. LONG to still further whiten his hair and coax his beard toward the skirts of his garments will make him the peer of Comp. HACKER in appearance and the ideal Past Grand High Priest."

Comp. TONENOR quotes the following from Comp. HERMAN C. DUNCAN, Chairman of Correspondence for Louisiana. We think the opinion expressed eminently sound and that it reflects the judgment of the great majority:—

"In speaking of the action 'looking to a union with the General Grand Chapter,' he says:—

"We gladly welcome West Virginia to the league. Men have differed in their opinions in respect to the expediency of the existence of General Grand Masonic Bodies, and they still differ, but the consensus of opinion opposes a General Grand Lodge and favors a General Grand Chapter, a General Grand Council and a Grand Encampment. We think that harmony, fraternity demands that we all, therefore, unite in opposing the formation of a General Grand Lodge, but that all Grand Chapters in these United States unite in the General Grand Chapter. Virginia, Pennsylvania and Texas have had ample opportunity to present their views; they have had respectful hearing. Let them all now defer their judgments to those of the majority and come with us. If there is any apprehension of surrender of rights, let us give all the guarantees that they may ask."

The M. E. JOHN W. MORRIS was re-elected Grand High Priest; the R. E. ODEL S. LONG was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the City of Wheeling, November 12th, 1894.

WISCONSIN.

The Grand Chapter of Wisconsin held its forty-third Annual Convocation in the City of Milwaukee, February 21st, 1893,—the M. E. CHARLES V. BARDEEN, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. JOHN W. LAFLIN being Grand Secretary. There were present ten Past Grand High Priests and the Representatives of sixty-five chartered Chapters.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. He congratulated the companions upon the favorable auspices under which they were assembled. The past year had been one of prosperity and the future was full of hope and promise. His duties had been light, and the business transacted of the usual routine character.

He has but slight opinion of the usefulness of the Committee on Correspondence, as the following extract will attest:—

"Under Section 12, of Article 1, of the Constitution, the Grand High Priest is empowered, among other things, to appoint a Committee on Foreign Correspond-

ence. An examination of the annual reports of the proceedings for several years back reveals the fact that an hundred pages or more of the reports are taken up annually by the report of this committee. There are those (and I confess to sharing in their opinion) who believe that this committee is a useless and expensive appendage. It costs this Grand Chapter from \$200 to \$250 per year, without any very great corresponding benefit. I have no particular criticism to offer upon the manner in which the committee has done its work. On the contrary, the report shows great industry and research, but, on the whole, I am unable to see any useful purpose answered by it, or any good resulting therefrom, that justifies the expense.

"It is true that other jurisdictions, probably all of them, maintain and continue this same system, but that is no reason why we should continue it, unless we are convinced that it answers some good and useful purpose.

"I therefore recommend, for your consideration, the adoption of some plan that will shorten or discontinue the reports of this committee."

He says of the vacant chairs in their midst:—

"A year makes many changes. We look around us and vainly strain our eyes to catch a glimpse of forms and faces familiar at every Convocation. Anxious inquiries are made, only to be met by that sad, but oft repeated answer—dead. Lost to us in bodily presence, hidden to our senses, gone from our midst in that endless search for light and truth. May the benediction of all that is good and pure, all that is noble and upright, rest upon their memory and abide with their families."

He announces the death of M. : E. : General Grand High Priest Comp. JOSEPH POTTS HORNOR, and pays an eloquent tribute to his memory.

The Grand High Priest appointed the usual standing committees.

"The Grand Secretary announced that he had just learned that the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Comp. FRED RING, Past Grand High Priest of this body, was seriously ill at his hotel in this city. The Grand Chapter expressing its regret at the unpleasant tidings, a motion prevailed that a committee consisting of three Grand High Priests be appointed to wait upon the distinguished companion, and render him such consolation and service as might be required. Past Grand High Priests J. H. EVANS, R. D. PULFORD and N. C. DANIELS were appointed as such committee.

"Comp. JOHN CADMAN offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:—

"Recognizing the ability and faithful service rendered this Grand Chapter by our retiring Grand High Priest, Comp. CHARLES V. BARDEEN, therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby instructed to procure a Past Grand High Priest's jewel, to be presented to Comp. BARDEEN at our next Annual Convocation."

Mourning pages are inserted in the proceedings sacred to the memories of M. : E. : Comp. JOSEPH POTTS HORNOR, General Grand High Priest, to R. : E. : Comp. DONALD W. BAIN, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, and to seventy-one deceased companions of the jurisdiction of Wisconsin.

The Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held February 22d, 1893, the M. : E. : M. L. YOUNGS, President. Nine companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, were introduced, admitted and received the Order of High Priesthood. Convention closed in due form.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by M. : E. : WILLIAM C. SWAIN, Chairman. He gives a review of forty-two Grand Chapters.

In reviewing California he notices approvingly our legislation for the "Home" and also our report on Regulation 21, relating to Cerneauism. He speaks of the Report on Correspondence as "Hamlet, with Hamlet left out," and says: "We are sorry to lose CASWELL from the guild.

In reviewing Colorado he notices, as "in line with his comments," this review of the making of clandestine Masons by a regular Chapter in Massachusetts:—

"This may be good law, but in our benighted state we cannot see how a regular Chapter, conferring the degrees in a regular manner, can make clandestine Royal Arch Masons. This appears a mere technical reason, and to us does not seem Masonic. The Chapter has received its money, and now says, 'we made you irregularly, and you are clandestine and must not meet with us.' It would seem to us that the companion is a regular Royal Arch Mason, and that if the objecting Chapter knows of any reason why he is unfit, it should make it known, by preferring charges, and suspending or expelling, if found necessary; if it cannot sustain charges, it should forever thereafter hold its peace; and the Grand Chapter should provide such regulations as will compel the subordinate Chapters to avoid such complications in the future."

All of which seems to us good logic and to the point.

In reviewing Illinois he makes the following sensible comments upon the proposition to insure the honesty of Grand Treasurers and Grand Secretaries through assurance or indemnifying associations organized for that purpose. The system has been adopted in all the Grand Bodies of California, and is considered "good business sense." Comp. SWAIN approvingly says:—

"If we are not mistaken, in Illinois, as well as elsewhere, the Grand Treasurer is required to give a bond. Why is it not as well for a corporation to furnish that bond, as for an individual brother, perhaps unable to stand a loss, to guarantee his honesty? It is not a reflection upon the honesty of the Grand Treasurer; it is simply saying: 'We believe you honest, or we wouldn't have elected you; but human judgment is fallible, and dishonest or blundering Treasurers are among the possibilities, and, therefore, we take the same precautions we do against fire, and insure.'"

In reviewing Kansas Comp. SWAIN says:—

"Comp. BROWN, from the Committee on Correspondence, reported against recognition of the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, until more definite information concerning its organization was obtained, which is all right, but it seems to us that should be a matter entirely for the action of the General Grand Chapter."

In reviewing Kentucky he quotes Comp. JAMES W. STATON, Chairman, as saying:—

"As to the Cerneau matter we confess that when the storm was afar off we had the same views of those entertained by Comp. BARLOW, but when it came home to us, and these disturbers of the Masonic peace became arrogant and boisterous, on the 'rule or ruin' policy, then it was we changed our mind, and determined that if soft words and 'tuft' would not bring the disturbers down, it was about time to try what effect a few well directed stones would have. Soft words and tuft may do very well up in Connecticut, but it often requires stones, and they well directed too, to bring a Kentuckian to time."

Comp. SWAIN adds:—

"We haven't been troubled with the pests in this region, but we also acknowledge a change of heart, and our conversion was brought about by observing the actions of the frauds in Ohio and elsewhere."

In commenting upon a decision, regarding the effect of "expulsion from a Lodge of Master Masons upon a companion, member of the Chapter," he (Comp. STATON of Kentucky) gives the following definition of a clandestine made Mason, to wit:—

"There is a difference between an irregularly made Mason and a clandestine made Mason. Neither are to be recognized without healing. But a regularly chartered body cannot make clandestine Masons, that is only reserved for clandestinely organized bodies. In our judgment the use of the term 'clandestine' signifies that the body is clandestine which does the work. We may be wrong in this proposition, but we have always held it, and see no reason to change in the least."

We think his ruling entirely correct so far as this, that a regularly chartered body cannot make clandestine Masons, that is reserved for "clandestinely organized" bodies; but he says also, "neither are to be recognized without healing." There we differ, for we know of no method of reconstructing a clandestine made Mason, save original process of "making over"—creating *de novo*.

In reviewing Michigan he (Comp. SWAIN) agrees with INNES on perpetual jurisdiction, Comp. INNES having written this:—

"The question of perpetual jurisdiction is one that we have long thought was better in the breach than in the observance. In some cases it may do very well, while parties remain in the same State, but when they are removed thousands of miles, it seems almost as funny as serving a notice on a Mason while confined within the penitentiary, that he will be tried for unmasonic conduct. Both customs prevail in our State, and, we presume, will for a long time to come. But when a man goes from the jurisdiction of our State, politically and socially, we think he ought to be regarded as out Masonically. This is our personal opinion, however; not the opinion of our Grand Bodies."

In reviewing Mississippi he recites the law in that jurisdiction relative to suspension for non payment of dues. He says:—

"Comp. SAVERY did double duty, being both Grand High Priest and Committee on Correspondence. His report is comparatively brief, but is an excellently compiled abstract of proceedings. He states the Mississippi law relative to suspension for non-payment of dues, as follows:—

"There seems to be some misunderstanding about the Mississippi law on suspension for non-payment of dues. It is the same in all the Mississippi Grand Bodies. No Mason can be suspended for non-payment of dues until after due trial, and a vote by the Craft. If the suspended Mason owes \$10 at date of his suspension, and remains suspended for ten years or more, should he, at any time, desire to be restored, he can be in a moment of time, by payment of the \$10 owed at date of suspension. We do not deprive a Mason of his rights and privileges, and still require him to pay dues or any assessment that might be made during the time of suspension."

Comp. SWAIN says he has no sympathy with the stringent "California law" against non-affiliates. Why should the regulation of California, which only affirms the natural result of a positive violation of Masonic law, be declared a "stringent law," and be denied the sympathy of the experienced companion? We of California think it a just law, fully in accord with "MACKER'S Conclusions on the Subject of Non-affiliation." In his Jurisprudence he says: "As non-affiliation is a violation of Masonic law, he (the non-affiliate) may, if he refuses to abandon that condition, be tried and punished for it, even by expulsion if necessary or expedient."

Now take the law of California of the Grand Chapter. Regulation 22 makes this declaration: "It shall be the duty of every Royal Arch Mason to be a member of some Chapter. And every non-affiliate Royal Arch Mason who, having resided six months within this State, shall neglect to make application for membership to some Chapter therein, shall be deemed to occupy the same position as those suspended for non-payment of dues, and shall not be entitled to, nor be the recipient of, any of the rights, privileges or benefits of Capitular Masonry.

"Non-affiliated Royal Arch Masons who occupy the position referred to in the preceding section, and who desire to restore themselves by affiliation, may do so upon payment of a sum equivalent to six months' dues of the Chapter to which they shall apply, in addition to the affiliation fee, if any, required by its by-laws."

The regulation seems to us, who have lived under its operations for a generation, to be not only just in its provisions, but equitable and liberal in its operations; as liberal as our bounden duty to protect the organization against those who not only deny it the support they honestly owe, but who wilfully violate its laws, will permit.

In reviewing Tennessee he quotes this from Comp. CONNOR, in regard to perpetual jurisdiction :—

"How a Chapter can, in common justice, acquire supreme control over Masons it deliberately *rejects* is far beyond the possibilities of our limited understanding. As it appears to this committee, common sense would demand that the *rejected* petitioner was, by the act of rejection, permitted to go whither he will with his next petition. What *right* has a Chapter to forbid another Chapter to confer the degrees on one they have rejected? Of course a Grand Chapter may give its subordinates that right, but is such a regulation just and fair? We are open to conviction, of course, though it still appears to be sufficient to have the petitioner report his rejection when he again petitions."

In his reply Comp. SWAIN reflects our opinions exactly, though we are not entirely clear upon the "happy medium" desired. He says :—

"We do not believe in perpetual jurisdiction, but the reason for the rejection of a candidate is supposed to be his unworthiness, and it is also supposed to be done in the home Chapter where he is best known; and to allow him to go immediately after his rejection to some other Chapter, receive his degrees, and then come back where he was rejected and sit in Chapter, is going too far."

There is an entire absence of titles in this Grand Chapter.

The M. : E. : Comp. CALVERT SPREASLEY was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. : E. : Comp. JOHN W. LAFLIN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

CONCLUSION.

At the conclusion of this Report, having carefully read with daily increasing interest, the proceedings of *forty-eight* Grand Bodies of Royal Arch Masons, nearly all under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, we are more than ever strongly impressed with the importance and influence of this great National Body of Masons as a factor not only in the interest of good government, but also in the development of those virtues which strengthen the family circle, build up associations for the advancement of the people and assist in their education in all the relations of life.

"In union there is strength," and while a single twig is easily broken, a number banded together may defy the strongest efforts; for this reason we would like to see the few independent Grand Chapters "come into the Union," that the American system of Capitular Masonry represented by the General Grand Chapter of the United States might add to its present high reputation by presenting a united association of Masons interested in the preservation of the American System of Freemasonry and the future of the Republic.

The questions of interest now before the craft for discussion are few, the greatest harmony exists, consistent with the active progress of so great and important a body. The leading issues at present under consideration, appear to be the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction and dependent membership. The first we hope to see extinguished, and the latter firmly established; however, in these, as in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Fraternity, we shall always submit to the will of the majority for the harmony of the whole.

The death rate of the Fraternity for the past year has been unusual. Our companions have gone from among us, without warning, making it difficult for us to realize that our earthly connection had been severed, and they had passed out of our lives forever.

"Over the river they beckon to me,
 Loved ones who've crossed to the other side;
 The gleam of their snowy robes I see,
 But their voices are lost in the dashing tide.
 There's one with ringlets of burning gold,
 And eyes the reflection of heaven's own blue,
 He crossed in the twilight, gray and cold,
 And the pale mist hid him from mortal view.
 We saw not the angels who met him there,
 The gates of the City we could not see;
 Over the river, over the river,
 My brother stands waiting to welcome me."

Brethren and companions, may we meet in fraternal converse yet another year; meanwhile, "May the Lord bless you, and keep you; may the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; may the Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace."

For the Committee.

WM. A. DAVIES,

Chairman.

Which report was ordered to be printed with the proceedings of this Grand Convocation.

The Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following regular committees:—

On New Chapters:

Comp. Eli Tucker Blackmer,
 " Thompson Wilson Drullard,
 " James Walker,
 " Eduard Keil,
 " Elias Delevan Gardner.

On Returns:

Comp. Thomas Flint, Jr.,
 " Henry Sylvester Morey,
 " William Brockman,
 " August Wackerbarth,
 " Thomas Jonathan Wilson.

On By-Laws:

Comp. Florin Leslie Jones,
 " George Huntington Burnham,
 " James Ashley Webster,
 " William Whittingham Lyman,
 " Samuel Hopkins Wagener,

On Grievances:

Comp. Joseph Bayley Cooke,
 " Lewis Cass Wittenmyer,
 " John McMurry,
 " Henry Ascroft,
 " William Brockman.

On Pay of Delegates:

Comp. Theodore Edward Smith,
 " Eduard Keil,
 " George Washington Stout,
 " Frank Lytle Thirkield,
 " Benjamin Franklin Jellison.

On motion of THOMAS FLINT, Jr., the election of Grand Officers was made the special order for three o'clock this afternoon.

Comp. WILLIAM HENRY DAVIS presented the following resolution, which, on his motion was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:—

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of the State of California hereby authorizes its Grand Secretary to purchase of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California, extra copies of the printed lists of suspended and expelled members of the several Lodges in this State, sufficient to supply each Chapter with a copy thereof; and he is hereby instructed to mail such copy to each of the subordinate Chapters within the jurisdiction, that they may be officially informed as to the standing of their members in their several Lodges.

The Committee on Jurisprudence having considered the foregoing, reported the same back, with the recommendation: That the subject matter thereof be referred to the Grand High Priest elect, and the Grand Master of Masons, Past Grand High Priest HENRY SAYRE ORME; and that they be requested to formulate such plan as shall secure the desired information from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge.

Which recommendation was unanimously adopted.

The Grand Chapter was then called off until two o'clock this afternoon.

In Grand Chapter.

AFTERNOON SESSION,
Tuesday, April 17th, A. I. 2424. }

The Grand Chapter was called on at two o'clock, the Deputy Grand High Priest presiding.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the Special Committee on the Address of the Grand High Priest, presented the following report:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

The business of the Grand Chapter as reported by the Grand High Priest and referred to your committee for reference, has been segregated, and we recommend that so much thereof as relates to the granting of dispensation for new Chapter be referred to the Committee on New Chapters;

That all special dispensations granted, with the issuance of commissions to Representatives near other Grand Chapters, to the Committee on Jurisprudence;

That so much as relates to Amendments to By-Laws be referred to the Committee on By-Laws—these references will enable the different committees to act upon the business of the session.

The Grand High Priest reports that his duties have not been burdensome, and he gives credit therefor to the efficiency of his co-workers in the several subordinate Chapters of the jurisdiction, assisted as they are by our well settled code of laws.

The absence of the Grand High Priest from his seat to day is an admonition to us of the uncertain tenure of all human authority. As our executive head, we would see him to-day in his station in the flush of health and the vigor of strength—with the full beauty of manhood resting upon him. Our M. E. companion is absent to-day in search of health. We trust he may find it and return to us sound in body, to enjoy with us the prosperity and future usefulness of the Grand Chapter of California.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. A. DAVIES, }
H. H. KNAPP, } Committee.
B. F. TUTTLE, }

Which report was concurred in, and the references were made as recommended.

The hour for the special order—the election of Grand Officers—having arrived, the Deputy Grand High Priest appointed Companions JOSEPH BAILEY COOKE and GEORGE HUNTINGTON BURNHAM to act as tellers, and the election proceeded with the following result:—

The M. E. ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD, was elected Grand High Priest;
The R. E. ADOLPHUS HEWEL was elected Deputy Grand High Priest;
The E. E. THOMAS FLINT, SR., was elected Grand King;
The R. E. WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE was elected Grand Scribe;
The R. E. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY was elected Grand Treasurer;
The R. E. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL was elected Grand Secretary.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the Special Committee on the Address of the Grand High Priest, presented the following on the Annual Report of the Grand Secretary:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

We have examined the report of the Grand Secretary. We recognize the mark of the same old-time efficient workman, whose pleasant countenance has ornamented the Grand Secretary's desk for a generation.

We recommend the following apportionment of his work:—

To the Committee on New Chapters, all matters referring to the constitution of *Hanford* Chapter, No. 74, and *Kern Valley* Chapter, No. 75, with the dispensation issued for the formation of a new Chapter at Pomona, Los Angeles County, as well as the several special dispensations issued for various reasons.

To the Committee on By-Laws, all amendments referring to the increase and decrease of dues, the reduction of fees for degrees by *Solano* Chapter, changing time of meeting and By-Laws adopted by *Santa Rosa* and *Pomona* Chapters, U. D.

All matters relating to the finances of the Grand Chapter, to the Committee on Finance, including the Grand Secretary's statement referring to the donation of the Grand Chapter to the Widows' and Orphans' Home and the unfortunate undertaking in aid of the Masonic Temple Association.

Regarding the neglect of several Secretaries of Chapters to faithfully and satisfactorily discharge the duties incumbent upon them, by all the equities arising from a violation of duties voluntarily assumed and wilfully neglected, they ought to be hurt in some manner that their sensitive natures would understand and appreciate; but as the Grand Secretary in the exercise of his Christian forbearance indulges in the hope that his *gentle reminder* will be sufficient to correct the evil, we withhold further censure of the Secretaries' neglect.

WM. A. DAVIES,
H. H. KNAPP,
B. F. TUTTLE, } *Committee.*

Which report was concurred in, and the references made as recommended.

Comp. THOMAS FLINT, JR., from the Committee on Returns, presented the following report :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

Your Committee on Returns of the Subordinate Chapters beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and find that the returns from all the Chapters have been received by the Grand Secretary, accompanied by the dues in each case, and were, as a rule, correctly and neatly prepared.

We again call the attention of the Secretaries of the various Chapters to the report of the Grand Secretary, in relation to the necessity of particular care in the preparation of their returns, and hope to see in the future, material improvement therein.

The amount of dues for which the several Chapters of the jurisdiction were indebted, are as follows :—

NAME	Gen. Fund.	Rep. Fund.	Total.
<i>San Francisco</i> , No. 1,.....	\$108 50	\$217 00	\$325 50
<i>Sonora</i> , " 2,.....	9 75	19 50	29 25
<i>Sacramento</i> , " 3,.....	67 25	134 50	201 75
<i>California</i> , " 5,.....	183 50	267 00	400 50
<i>Nevada</i> , " 6,.....	14 75	29 50	44 25
<i>Benicia</i> , " 7,.....	5 00	10 00	15 00
<i>Shasta</i> , " 9,.....	14 50	29 00	43 50
<i>Sutter</i> , " 11,.....	10 50	21 00	31 50
<i>Merced</i> , " 12,.....	11 00	22 00	33 00
<i>Washington</i> , " 13,.....	31 00	62 00	93 00
<i>Howard</i> , " 14,.....	82 75	65 50	98 25
<i>Cyrus</i> , " 15,.....	18 00	36 00	54 00
<i>Saint James</i> , " 16,.....	8 75	17 50	26 25
<i>Libanus</i> , " 17,.....	6 25	12 50	18 75
<i>Grass Valley</i> , " 18,.....	19 00	38 00	57 00
<i>Trinity</i> , " 19,.....	7 00	14 00	21 00
<i>Franklin</i> , " 20,.....	19 25	38 50	57 75
<i>Sierra</i> , " 21,.....	8 00	16 00	24 00
<i>Petaluma</i> , " 22,.....	16 00	32 00	48 00
<i>La Fayette</i> , " 24,.....	3 75	7 50	11 25
<i>Georgetown</i> , " 25,.....	6 50	13 00	19 50
<i>Delta</i> , " 27,.....	8 75	17 50	26 25
<i>Stockton</i> , " 28,.....	26 25	52 50	78 75
<i>Manzanita</i> , " 29,.....	11 50	23 00	34 50

NAME		Gen. Fund.	Rep. Fund.	Total.
Napa,	No. 30,.....	\$ 10 75	\$ 21 50	\$ 32 25
Martinez,	" 31,.....	12 00	24 00	36 00
Los Angeles,	" 33,.....	14 25	28 50	42 75
Alturas,	" 34,.....	4 50	9 00	13 50
Naval,	" 35,.....	18 50	37 00	55 50
Oakland,	" 36,.....	59 25	118 50	177 75
Siloam,	" 37,.....	9 50	19 00	28 50
Santa Cruz,	" 38,.....	10 75	21 50	32 25
Donner,	" 39,.....	12 00	24 00	36 00
Red Bluff,	" 40,.....	17 50	35 00	52 50
Temple,	" 41,.....	9 00	18 00	27 00
Chico,	" 42,.....	19 50	39 00	58 50
Solano,	" 43,.....	13 50	27 00	40 50
Visalia,	" 44,.....	10 00	20 00	30 00
Santa Rosa,	" 45,.....	32 00	64 00	96 00
Woodland,	" 46,.....	12 25	24 50	36 75
Lassen,	" 47,.....	14 00	28 00	42 00
Dixon,	" 48,.....	14 00	28 00	42 00
Modesto,	" 49,.....	13 00	26 00	39 00
Ventura,	" 50,.....	12 50	25 00	37 50
Corinthian,	" 51,.....	11 00	22 00	33 00
Humboldt,	" 52,.....	26 50	53 00	79 50
Ukiah,	" 53,.....	22 75	45 50	68 25
Keystone,	" 56,.....	11 75	23 50	35 25
Signet,	" 57,.....	70 50	141 00	211 50
Salinas,	" 59,.....	21 25	42 50	63 75
Colusa,	" 60,.....	9 50	19 00	28 50
San Diego,	" 61,.....	20 50	41 00	61 50
San Luis,	" 62,.....	20 00	40 00	60 00
St. Helena,	" 63,.....	7 50	15 00	22 50
Acacia,	" 64,.....	5 50	11 00	16 50
Antioch,	" 65,.....	7 00	14 00	21 00
Dorio,	" 66,.....	13 50	27 00	40 50
Riverside,	" 67,.....	15 50	31 00	46 50
Hollister,	" 68,.....	9 00	18 00	27 00
Trigo,	" 69,.....	19 25	38 50	57 75
Alameda,	" 70,.....	14 00	28 00	42 00
Tulare,	" 71,.....	9 75	19 50	29 25
Crown,	" 72,.....	20 00	40 00	60 00
Orange,	" 73,.....	10 25	20 50	30 75
Hanford,	" 74,.....	6 75	13 50	20 25
Kern Valley,	" 75,.....	4 00	8 00	12 00
Pomona,	U. D.,.....	6 00	12 00	18 00

Making a total of.....\$1278 00 \$2556 00 \$3834 00

Making total receipts for dues,\$3834 00

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS FLINT, JR.,
WM. BROCKMAN,
AUGUST WACKERBARTH,
H. S. MOREY, } Committee.

Which report was concurred in.

On motion of Comp. JACOB HART NEFF, the installation of Grand Officers was made the special order for eleven o'clock to-morrow morning.

The Grand Chapter was then called off until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

In Grand Chapter.

MORNING SESSION,
Wednesday, April 18th, A. I. 2424. }

The Grand Chapter was called on at ten o'clock, the Deputy Grand High Priest presiding.

After music by the choir, the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Comp. FLORIN LESLIE JONES, from the Committee on By-Laws, presented the following report:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Your Committee on By-Laws having duly considered the matters referred to it, respectfully report:—

1. *Naval Chapter*, No. 35, increasing dues.
2. *Solano Chapter*, No. 43, reducing fees for degrees.
3. *Santa Rosa Chapter*, No. 45, adopting uniform code.
4. *Humboldt Chapter*, No. 52, reducing dues.
5. *Acacia Chapter*, No. 64, reducing dues.
6. *Kern Valley Chapter*, No. 75, changing time of meeting.
7. *Pomona Chapter*, U. D., adopting uniform code.

All the foregoing amendments being within the province of the several Chapters, and conflicting with no law or provision of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, and having been approved by the M. E. Grand High Priest, we recommend that his action be affirmed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

FLORIN L. JONES, SAMUEL H. WAGENER, J. A. WEBSTER, WILLIAM W. LYMAN, GEO. H. BURNHAM,	}	Committee.
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Which report was concurred in.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES presented the following preamble and resolution, which, on his motion, were unanimously adopted :—

WHEREAS, The Grand Chapter of California, now in session, has learned with much satisfaction of the intended assembly of the M. : E. : Grand Chapter of Missouri on the ensuing twenty-sixth of the present month, and cherishing a fraternal regard for its co-workers in the organization of Capitular Masonry ; therefore

Resolved, That the Representative of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Missouri near the Grand Chapter of California, be and he is hereby requested to convey to the Grand Chapter of Missouri, the affectionate regard of this Grand Chapter for the prosperous advancement of Royal Arch Masonry in Missouri, and to express to our companions of Missouri the hope that their 47th Annual Convocation may excel in results the past history of their splendid organization.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES presented the following :—

WHEREAS, Our Companion and beloved Grand High Priest, M. : E. : CHARLES RAY GRITMAN, is prevented by serious illness from presiding at the present Convocation of this Grand Chapter ; therefore

Resolved, That the Past Grand High Priests present be requested to convey to our esteemed companion the earnest sympathy of this Grand Chapter in his severe affliction, with the fervent hope that our Heavenly Father will, in his own good time, restore him to his usual health and strength.

The above preamble and resolution were, on motion of Comp. HENRY HAY KNAPP, unanimously adopted ; and the Grand Secretary was directed to furnish a certified copy of the same to the M. : E. : CHARLES RAY GRITMAN, Grand High Priest.

Comp. JACOB HART NEFF presented the following, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Finances :—

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized and instructed to purchase three swords for the use of this Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Finances having considered the same, reported in favor of the purchase as provided in said resolution. Which report was adopted.

Comp. THEODORE EDWARD SMITH, from the Committee on Pay of Delegates, presented the following report :—

To the M. : E. : Grand Chapter of California :—

Your committee, to whom was referred the apportionment of the Representative Fund, having performed that duty, would recommend that the following amounts be allowed to the delegates of Chapters who were in attendance on the first day of the Convocation :—

Name and Number of Chapter.	No.	Dues to Rep. Fund.	When Represented.	Am't Allowed.
<i>San Francisco,</i>	1.	\$217 00....	Paid.....	-----
<i>Sonora,</i>	" 2.	19 50....	Paid.....1st day.....	\$20 00
<i>Sacramento,</i>	" 3.	134 50....	Paid....."	11 00
<i>California,</i>	" 5.	267 00....	Paid....."	6 00
<i>Nevada,</i>	" 6.	29 50....	Paid....."	19 60
<i>Benicia,</i>	" 7.	10 00....	Paid.....	-----
<i>Shasta,</i>	" 9.	29 00....	Paid.....1st day.....	21 80
<i>Sutter,</i>	" 11.	21 00....	Paid....."	17 10
<i>Merced,</i>	" 12.	22 00....	Paid....."	14 50
<i>Washington,</i>	" 13.	62 00....	Paid....."	14 20
<i>Howard,</i>	" 14.	65 50....	Paid....."	8 50
<i>Cyrus,</i>	" 15.	36 00....	Paid....."	31 10
<i>St. James,</i>	" 16.	17 50....	Paid....."	17 50
<i>Libanus,</i>	" 17.	12 50....	Paid.....	-----
<i>Grass Valley,</i>	" 18.	38 00....	Paid.....1st day.....	18 60
<i>Trinity,</i>	" 19.	14 00....	Paid....."	31 30
<i>Franklin,</i>	" 20.	38 50....	Paid....."	15 00
<i>Sierra,</i>	" 21.	16 00....	Paid....."	32 00
<i>Pennuma,</i>	" 22.	32 00....	Paid....."	8 00
<i>La Fayette.</i>	" 24.	7 50....	Paid.....	-----
<i>Georgetown,</i>	" 25.	13 00....	Paid.....1st day.....	18 20
<i>Della,</i>	" 27.	17 50....	Paid....."	13 20
<i>Stockton,</i>	" 28.	52 50....	Paid....."	11 00
<i>Manzanita,</i>	" 29.	23 00....	Paid....."	23 60
<i>Napa,</i>	" 30.	21 50....	Paid....."	9 00
<i>Martinez,</i>	" 31.	24 00....	Paid.....1st day.....	-----
<i>Los Angeles,</i>	" 33.	28 50....	Paid....."	36 00
<i>Alluras,</i>	" 34.	9 00....	Paid....."	38 00
<i>Naval,</i>	" 35.	37 00....	Paid....."	8 00
<i>Oakland,</i>	" 36.	118 50....	Paid....."	6 00
<i>Siloam,</i>	" 37.	19 00....	Paid....."	15 10
<i>Santa Cruz,</i>	" 38.	21 50....	Paid....."	11 60
<i>Donner,</i>	" 39.	24 00....	Paid....."	21 60
<i>Red Bluff,</i>	" 40.	35 00....	Paid....."	18 00
<i>Temple,</i>	" 41.	18 00....	Paid....."	11 60
<i>Chico,</i>	" 42.	39 00....	Paid....."	16 80
<i>Solano,</i>	" 43.	27 00....	Paid....."	9 00
<i>Visalia,</i>	" 44.	20 00....	Paid....."	20 80
<i>Santa Rosa,</i>	" 45.	64 00....	Paid.....	-----
<i>Woodland,</i>	" 46.	24 50....	Paid.....	-----
<i>Lassen,</i>	" 47.	28 00....	Paid.....1st day.....	38 00
<i>Dixon,</i>	" 48.	28 00....	Paid....."	10 20
<i>Modesto,</i>	" 49.	26 00....	Paid.....	-----
<i>Ventura,</i>	" 50.	25 00....	Paid.....1st day.....	36 00
<i>Corinthian,</i>	" 51.	22 00....	Paid....."	36 00
<i>Humboldt,</i>	" 52.	53 00....	Paid....."	26 00
<i>Ukiah,</i>	" 53.	45 50....	Paid....."	15 00
<i>Keystone,</i>	" 56.	28 50....	Paid....."	39 60
<i>Signet,</i>	" 57.	141 00....	Paid....."	36 00
<i>Salinas,</i>	" 59.	42 50....	Paid....."	12 50
<i>Cobusa,</i>	" 60.	19 00....	Paid....."	15 50

Name and Number of Chapter.	Dues to Rep. Fund.	When Represented.	Am't Allowed
<i>San Diego</i> , No. 61.....	\$ 41 00....	Paid.....1st day.	\$ 46 00
<i>San Luis</i> , " 62.....	40 00....	Paid....."	20 00
<i>St. Helena</i> , " 63.....	15 00....	Paid....."	10 10
<i>Acacia</i> , " 64.....	11 00....	Paid....."	43 30
<i>Antioch</i> , " 65.....	14 00....	Paid.....	—
<i>Doric</i> , " 66.....	27 00....	Paid.....1st day.	7 20
<i>Riverside</i> , " 67.....	31 00....	Paid....."	39 50
<i>Hollister</i> , " 68.....	18 00....	Paid.....	—
<i>Trigo</i> , " 69.....	38 50....	Paid.....1st day.	17 80
<i>Alameda</i> , " 70.....	28 00....	Paid.....	—
<i>Tulare</i> , " 71.....	19 50....	Paid.....	—
<i>Crown</i> , " 72.....	40 00....	Paid.....1st day.	36 50
<i>Orange</i> , " 73.....	20 50....	Paid....."	38 10
<i>Hanford</i> , " 74.....	13 50....	Paid.....	—
<i>Kern Valley</i> , " 75.....	8 00....	Paid.....1st day.	24 20
<i>Pomona</i> , U. D.....	12 00....	Paid....."	38 00
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	\$2556 00		\$1159 40

We also recommend that the following amounts be allowed to the Grand Officers in attendance, viz: to the—

Deputy Grand High Priest,.....	\$18 20	Grand Chaplain,.....	\$ 6 00
Grand King,.....	—	Grand Captain of the Host,.....	6 00
Grand Scribe,.....	11 30	Grand Royal Arch Captain,.....	46 00
Grand Treasurer,.....	6 00		<hr/>
			\$93 50

Also to—

Chairman of Finance Committee,..	\$14 30	Ianthis Jerome Rolfe,.....	22 60
William Monroe Petrie,.....	14 00	Lewis Cass Wittenmyer,.....	11 00
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			\$61 90

RECAPITULATION:

Amount allowed to Grand Officers,.....	\$ 93 50
Amount allowed to Delegates,.....	1159 40
Amount allowed to members of the Finance Committee,.....	61 90

Total amount of allowance,.....\$1314 80

All which is respectfully submitted.

THEODORE EDWARD SMITH, }
FRANK LYTLE THIRKIELD, } *Committee.*
GEO. W. STOUT, }

Which report was concurred in, and the several amounts were ordered paid as recommended.

Comp. THOMAS FLINT, JR., from the Committee on Finances, presented the following report:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Your Committee on Finances recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year, viz:—

Expenses of Delegates to Convocation of 1894,.....	\$1,159 40
“ “ Grand Officers “ “	105 70
“ “ Finance Committee “ “	61 90
Salary of Grand Secretary,.....	1,800 00
“ “ Organist,.....	25 00
“ “ Guard,.....	25 00
Printing and binding proceedings for 1894,.....	700 00
Contingent expenses of Grand Secretary,.....	200 00
Rent of Grand Secretary's office,	180 00
Expenses of Grand High Priest in visiting subordinate Chapters,.....	200 00
Dues to General Grand Chapter,.....	51 12
Chairman Committee on Correspondence, 1894,.....	200 00
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	\$4,707 92
Expenses of the Grand High Priest in attending General Grand Chapter at Topeka, Kansas	150 00
Total.....	<hr/>
	\$4,857 92

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. FLINT, JR.,	} Committee.
I. J. ROLFE,	
WM. M. PETRIE,	
LEWIS C. WITTENMYER,	

Which report was concurred in, and the appropriations were ordered as recommended :—

The Grand High Priest elect announced the following appointments for the ensuing year, viz :—

Grand Chaplain,.....	Comp. CHARLES E. STONE,.....	of Washington, No. 13;
Grand Lecturer,.....	“ THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,.....	of Nevada, No. 6;
Grand Capt. of the Host, “	ELI TUCKER BLACKMER,.....	of San Diego, No. 61;
Grand Royal Arch Capt.,...“	FLORIN LESLIE JONES,.....	of Crown, No. 72;
Grand Organist,.....	“ SAMUEL DAVID MAYER,.....	of California, No. 5;
Grand Guard,.....	“ JAMES OGLESBY,.....	of California, No. 5.

The hour for the special order—the installation of Grand Officers—having arrived, by special request, the M. E. ALEXANDER GIBSON OLIVER, Grand High Priest of Arizona, regularly installed the several Grand Officers in their respective stations (except the Grand King and Grand Chaplain who were absent), assisted by Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, Past Grand High Priest, as Master of the Ceremonies.

Comp. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :—

Resolved, That in accordance with the laws and customs of Capitular Masonry, the Order of High Priesthood is universally acknowledged; and is properly a part of the ceremony of installation into the office of High Priest. This Grand Chapter therefore calls the attention of companions elected to that office to the necessity of their receiving that order at the first convenient opportunity subsequent to such election.

Comp. ELI TUCKER BLACKMER, from the Committee on New Chapters, presented the following report:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Your Committee on New Chapters, to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. E. Grand High Priest as related to the dispensation issued to form *Pomona* Chapter, at Pomona, Cal., recommend that the granting of said dispensation be approved.

We have carefully examined the Book of By-Laws and Book of Records of *Pomona* Chapter, U. D., and heartily commend them as most "satisfactory specimens of skill," and we recommend that the prayer of the accompanying petition for a charter from the said *Pomona* Chapter, U. D., be granted and a charter issued.

PETITION FOR CHARTER.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

The undersigned respectfully represent that on the sixteenth day of February, A. I. 2424, A. D. 1894, a dispensation was issued by the Grand High Priest for the formation of a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, at Pomona, in the county of Los Angeles, by the name of *Pomona* Chapter; that on the twenty-seventh day of the same month said Chapter was opened and organized, and has since continued successfully to work during the period named in said dispensation, as will appear from its records, by-laws and returns, herewith presented; and that it is the anxious desire of the members of said Chapter, that its existence be perpetuated.

They therefore pray that a charter be granted to said Chapter, by the name of *Pomona* Chapter, with such number as the usage of the Grand Chapter may assign it; promising, as heretofore, strict obedience to the commands of the Grand High Priest, and undeviating conformity to the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Chapter.

Given by instruction from and on behalf of said Chapter, at Pomona, this twenty-seventh day of March, A. I. 2424, A. D. 1894.

HERVEY JAMES NICHOLS,
JAMES ALEXANDER DRIFFILL, } *Delegates.*

It having come to the knowledge of your committee through the Grand Secretary, and also the High Priest of *Trigo* Chapter, No. 69, that the charter of said *Trigo* Chapter has been destroyed by fire, your committee would recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to issue to the said *Trigo* Chapter, No. 69, a duplicate charter in lieu of the one so destroyed.

Fraternaly submitted.

E. T. BLACKMER,
T. W. DRULLARD, } *Committee.*
E. KEIL,
JAMES WALKER, }

Which report was concurred in, and the recommendations adopted:—

On motion of Comp. JACOB HART NEFF, M. E. CHARLES RAY GRITMAN was requested to sit for his portrait, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to have it placed in the portrait gallery of the Grand Chapter.

On motion of Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, the Installation of the Deputy Grand High Priest elect, and Grand Chaplain, were directed to take place in the subordinate Chapters of which they are members.

The Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees for the ensuing year, viz :—

<i>On Jurisprudence:</i>		<i>On Finances:</i>	
Comp.	William Abraham Davies,	Comp.	Thomas Flint, Jr.,
"	Jacob Hart Neff,	"	William Monroe Petrie,
"	Henry Hay Knapp,	"	Ianthis Jerome Rolfe,
"	William Vanderhurst,	"	William Thomas Reynolds,
"	Milton Hills Myrick.	"	Lewis Cass Wittenmyer.

On Correspondence :

Comp.	William Abraham Davies,
"	John Gould Bisbee,
"	Robert Ash,
"	Eduard Keil,
"	William Brockman.

The business of the Grand Chapter being all completed, the minutes of the day were read and approved, and the Grand Chapter of California was closed in *Ample form*.

ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD,

Grand High Priest.

Attest:

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,

Grand Secretary.

In Memoriam.



San Francisco Chapter, No. 1.

Comp. John Rudolph Jarboe, P. H. P.

July 4, 1893.

Comp. Thomas Kingsbury Wilson, P. H. P.

October 9, 1893.



California Chapter, No. 5.

Comp. David Pugh Marshall, P. H. P.

January 20, 1894.



Napa Chapter, No. 30.

Comp. Robert Crouch, P. H. P.

January 11, 1894.



Naval Chapter, No. 35.

Comp. Mattison Myers, P. H. P.

January 30, 1893.



Oakland Chapter, No. 36.

Comp. George Edwin Whitney, P. H. P.

April 23, 1893.

Santa Cruz Chapter, No. 38.

Comp. Louis Schwartz, P. H. P.May 23, 1893.

—*—**Visalia Chapter, No. 44.**

Comp. Richard Hubbard Stevens, P. H. P.January 9, 1894.

—*—**Dixon Chapter, No. 48.**

Comp. Jonathan Merritt Dudley, P. H. P.

October 24, 1893.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

OF THE

Grand Chapter of California.

1. The degree of Past Master must be conferred upon all candidates, notwithstanding that they may have previously had a degree of that name conferred upon them in a Convocation of Past Masters, by virtue of an election to preside over a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

2. All the Chapters under this jurisdiction are required, in the conferring of degrees, to conform to the ritual adopted by the Grand Chapter, at its special Convocation, in September, 1855.

3. Every Mark Master attached to a Chapter under this jurisdiction must, within six months after his admission, select his mark and record the same in a Book of Marks, kept by the Chapter for that purpose; and it is made the special duty of the Secretary of each Chapter to see that this regulation is complied with.

4. The term "nearest Chapter," used in the Constitution, means the nearest by geographical measurement.

5. No Masonic communication shall be held with a Royal Arch Mason who stands suspended as a Master Mason, for any cause.

6. Each Chapter under this jurisdiction shall pay, in addition to its annual dues, the sum of fifty cents for each Royal Arch Mason borne upon its roll at the date of its annual report; which additional assessment shall be used as a fund to defray the actual expenses of transportation of one delegate from each Chapter represented at the Annual Convocations of the Grand Chapter—the same to be apportioned by a special committee appointed for that purpose.

7. Whenever two or more Chapters exist in any city or town within this jurisdiction, it shall be the duty of each of such Chapters to notify the other or others, existing in the same place, of all applications presented to it for the degrees.

8. When, after an election of an applicant to receive the Chapter degrees, and he has received the Mark degree, an objection to his advancement is made at any time by a member, such objection shall be referred to a committee, with power to inquire into the cause thereof, who shall, at the next stated meeting, (unless further time be given) report thereon; and upon the reception of said report, if no cause for the objection has been assigned, or if the cause assigned be, in the opinion of two-thirds of the members present, not a valid and Masonic one, the Chapter may confer the degree in the same manner as if no objection had been made.

9. No petition for the degrees, or application for membership, shall be received by any Chapter within this jurisdiction, unless it be signed with the full name or names of the petitioner or applicant; and in the annual reports of subordinate Chapters, the given name or names of every member or others upon their rolls, shall be given in full.

10. The provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of California shall be, in all essential respects, where there is no conflict between it and the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, the rules and regulations by which the action of the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction shall be governed.

11. That the use of substitutes shall not be permitted for purposes of rapid advancement, or for accommodation merely, but only when the Council of the Chapter, in the exercise of a sound discretion, shall be satisfied that the good of Royal Arch Masonry will be promoted thereby.

12. That the use of more than one substitute at a time is prohibited, unless the dispensation of the Grand High Priest, permitting such use, be first procured; said dispensation to be issued only for good cause shown, and upon a petition signed by a majority of the Council of the Chapter asking such dispensation.

13. The limit of physical qualifications to be required of a candidate for the degrees conferred by a Royal Arch Chapter under this jurisdiction, shall be, simply, that he be enabled to conform strictly to all which the ritual in those degrees makes necessary.

14. That the restoration to good standing by a Lodge of any companion who has been suspended by it for any cause, and where no action has been had in the case directly by the Chapter, restores him to good standing in the Chapter.

15. From and after the first day of September, 1874, no High Priest of a Chapter under this jurisdiction shall be installed, unless he shall present to the installing officer a certificate from the Grand Lecturer, or some companion known by the Grand Lecturer to be skilled in the work, that he is qualified to properly confer all the Chapter degrees and deliver the lectures thereunto appertaining; and the installing officer shall forward such certificate to the Grand Secretary.

16. That there is no power vested in the Grand High Priest to grant a dispensation to re-ballot on the application of a rejected candidate, that matter being wholly within the province of the Chapter in which he was rejected. (See Sec. 1, Art. XVII, of the Constitution.)

The following is the course of procedure recommended:—

First. That notice in writing be given in stated meeting that the petition of the rejected applicant would be presented at the next regular meeting of the Chapter.

Second. Upon the reading of such notice, the High Priest shall direct the Secretary to notify each and every member of the Chapter of such intended application, and request his presence to vote upon the consideration of the same.

Third. At such subsequent meeting, on a motion formally made to re-submit the petition, if the vote be *unanimous* in favor thereof, the petition can be again received and referred, the same as if no previous action had been taken.

17. That the Chapters subordinate to the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California, be directed to require of all visitors for examination from other jurisdictions, prior to admission, a declaration in the following words: "I do not stand suspended or expelled for any cause whatever; neither has my name been stricken from the roll of members for non-payment of dues in my Lodge of Master Masons, or my Chapter of Royal Arch Masons."

18. That it shall be the imperative duty of every Chapter in this jurisdiction, before it shall confer the Royal Arch degree upon any candidate, to require of said candidate a compliance with Regulation No. 3, relative to the selection and recording of his mark.

19. That no Chapter under dispensation in this jurisdiction shall receive a charter unless all the requirements of this Grand Chapter shall have been complied with and such Chapter is free from debt.

20. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of every Chapter in this jurisdiction to report to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter, immediately, all rejections, suspensions, exclusions, expulsions and restorations that may take place in their several Chapters; and it is hereby made the duty of the Grand Secretary to report to the several Chapters of the jurisdiction, every six months, all such rejections, suspensions, exclusions, expulsions and restorations so reported to him.

21. This Grand Chapter acknowledges no degree of Masonry or order of Knighthood to be legitimate and genuine except those conferred by, or under the authority of, the following regularly constituted Masonic bodies of the United States of America, and those of corresponding rank in foreign countries, to wit:

The Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons of the several States and Territories; the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, and the Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons of the States and Territories; the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States, and the Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters of the States and Territories; the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States and the Grand Commanderies of the States and Territories; the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, of which ALBERT PIKE is Grand Commander; and the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, of which HENRY L. PALMER is Grand Commander.

It is hereby declared that any Royal Arch Mason who shall hereafter take or receive any so called Masonic degree or order of Knighthood from any man or body of men not hereinbefore acknowledged to be legitimate and genuine, shall be liable to be expelled from all the rights and privileges of a Royal Arch Mason.

It is hereby further declared that any Royal Arch Mason who shall hereafter confer, communicate or sell, or be present at or assist in the conferring, communicating or selling, or solicit any one to take, receive or apply for any so-called Masonic degree or order of Knighthood, in any assemblage of men, no matter by what name soever it may be called, except it be held under the authority of one of the bodies hereinbefore acknowledged to be legitimate and genuine, shall be expelled from all the rights and privileges of a Royal Arch Mason.

22. It shall be the duty of every Royal Arch Mason to be a member of some Chapter; and every non-affiliated Royal Arch Mason who, having resided six months within this State, shall neglect to make application for membership to some Chapter therein, shall be deemed to occupy the same position as those suspended for non-payment of dues, and shall not be entitled to, nor be the recipient of, any of the rights, privileges or benefits of Capitular Masonry.

Non-affiliated Royal Arch Masons who occupy the position referred to in the preceding section, and who desire to restore themselves by affiliation, may do so upon payment of a sum equivalent to six months' dues of the Chapter to which they shall apply, in addition to the affiliation fee, if any, required by its by-laws.

23. That the *M. E.* Grand High Priest withhold his approval from all amendments to By-Laws of Chapters, unless the certificate shows that the amendment had received a two-thirds vote of the members present; that notice of such amendment had been given at the meeting preceding that on which the vote was taken; said certificate to be signed by the Secretary and authenticated by the seal of the Chapter.

24. That at all future Convocations of this Grand Chapter, no member thereof shall receive his per diem and transportation expenses from the Representative Fund until such Convocation shall have been regularly closed.

RULES OF ORDER

OF THE

Grand Chapter of California.

RULE 1. When the Grand Chapter shall have assembled, the Grand Secretary shall call the roll of its members, and if a sufficient number of Chapters are represented, the Grand Chapter shall be opened. The Grand High Priest shall then appoint a Committee on Credentials, and no further business shall be transacted until after its report shall have been received.

RULE 2. After the reception of the Report on Credentials, the proceedings of the preceding Convocation shall be read by the Grand Secretary, unless their reading be dispensed with; the Address of the Grand High Priest, and the reports of the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, shall be presented, and appropriately referred, in the order here named; and the Grand High Priest shall appoint the regular committees, to whom all papers then in the hands of the Grand Secretary, requiring such reference, shall be at once referred. The Committee on Correspondence shall then present its annual report.

RULE 3. After the business of the Convocation is thus begun, the regular order for each session, during its continuance, shall be as follows:

1. Reading of the minutes of the last session.
2. Report of the Committee on Credentials.
3. Reception and action upon, or reference of, petitions, memorials and appeals.
4. Reports of Regular and Special Committees, and action thereupon.
5. Motions, resolutions, and other business.

RULE 4. All reports submitted, all petitions, memorials, or appeals presented, and all orders, motions, or resolutions, shall be in writing, and shall be read by the Grand Secretary, before any action is taken thereupon.

RULE 5. No motion to reconsider shall be entertained, unless made during the same session when the question proposed to be reconsidered was decided, nor unless such motion be made by one who voted with the majority upon that question.

RULE 6. When a day and hour shall have been named for the election of Grand Officers, such election shall, at that time, take precedence of all other business, unless the Grand Chapter, by a two-thirds vote, shall otherwise direct.

RULE 7. These rules shall only be suspended by unanimous consent, but may at any time be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

R E T U R N S

OF THE

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER of CALIFORNIA

A. I. 2424.

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER, No. 1.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS:

David Charles Smith, <i>High Priest,</i>	Phillip D Oode, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
William Edmund Price, <i>King,</i>	Benj. Loring Hesseltine, <i>Royal Arch Capt,</i>
Ludwig Mathias Hoefler, <i>Scribe,</i>	William Fletcher Empey, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Benjamin Harris, <i>Treasurer,</i>	George W. Hill Patterson, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Henry Gilman, Prince, <i>Secretary,</i>	Cyrus Clinton Dow, <i>Master 1st Vail.</i>
George Thomas Shaw, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Edward Gilberts, <i>Guard,</i>

Past High Priests:

Louis Cohn,	Henry Wangenheim,	Monbray Robert Dundas,
Martin John Burke,	Edward Taylor Anthony,	Milton Sidney Eisner,
Milt'n Hills Myrick, P.G.H.P.	Isaac Philanson Kincaid,	William Harvey Edwards,
Stewart Menzies,	James Waterman Baldwin,	William Henry Davis,
Theodore Edward Smith,	Charles Albert Warren,	Charles James King.
Samuel Sternheim,	James Wright Anderson,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adams, Adolph	Armstrong, Rudolph	Bauman, Sigmund
Adelstein, Samuel	Arnold, Cyrus Mills	Bayle, John
Allen, George Preston	Arnold, Louis Edgar	Bennett, George Wash'ton
Allen, Isaac Patton	Aschheim, Israel Julius	Bennett, James Henry
Allenberg, Charles	Backus, Samuel Woolsey	Berton, Flavien
Altshuler, Levi	Bamberger, Sigmund Simon	Bingham, Henry Walker
Andrews, Abram	Barker, Charles Alphonso	Blumenberg, Samuel Purdy
Antisell, Wm. Christopher	Bass, Thomas Jefferson	Boettcher, Paul
Armer, Andrew Milton	Bassett, Charles Fallen	Boole, George
Armstrong, Herbert Guy	Baum, Simon	Bornstein, Morris Sello

Bowman, John Schmerl	Oulp, Daniel Sanford	Fisher, Oscar
Boyd, Colin Macnicol	Culver, James Henry	Fogel, George
Brandenstein, Meyer	Curry, John	Fontana, Mark John
Browell, Jeremiah	Cutting, John Tyler	Foorman, Samuel
Brown, Andrew	Daneri, Antonio	Frank, Emanuel Max
Brown, David Palmer	Danforth, Edward Putnam	Fraser, John P
Brown, George Watson	Danforth, Edwin	Fried, Ignatius S
Brown, James Henry	Darling, George Louis	Fuller, Andrew Henry
Brown, Thomas Henry	Davis, Charles Lott	Furman, Henry Matthew
Bruce, William Young	Davis, Henry H	Gallagher, John Patrick
Brunt, Walter Neat	Davis, Henry Laurens	Garrett, James Hylian
Bryan, Charles Henry	Davis, John Warner	Getz, Bernhard
Bull, Franklin Pettingill	Day, Robert	Getz, Joseph
Bultmann, John Henry	Decourtieux, Amand X., Jr.	Getz, Louis
Bunker, Charles Dimmock	Deuprey, Eugene Nelson	Getz, Marcus
Bunker, Henry Chase	Deveny, Peter	Getz, Solomon
Burns, Henry Jameson	Dimond, William Henry	Gibson, Frederick Herbert
Cahen, Solomon	Dinkelspell, Joseph Samnel	Gilmore, John Henry
Cahill, Patrick	Doane, John Osborne	Gilmour, Angus Adolphus
Callundun, Fred'k Patterson	Doane, Micah	Goldberg, Jacob
Cameron, John William	Doolittle, Jefferson Ely	Goldstein, Simon
Campe, Harry Magnes	Dore, Benjamin	Gordon, James Edward
Canney, Albert Sidney	Dorn, Gus Emil	Goyetti, Joseph
Carrick, James Ross	Douglass, George Willard	Graham, Irvine
Cartan, Francis Matthew	Downs, John	Grant, Isaac
Casassa, Charles Henry	Dragomanovich, Spiro S & G	Grant, John Thomas
Chase, Charles Metaphor	Drucker, August	Green, Adam Treadwell
Christensen, Andrew	Duff, Thomas Caron	Greenhood, Hugo Oscar
Christensen, James Petit	Dunn, John	Gutman, Alexander
Christensen, Martin Aug. C.	Dunne, James Patrick	Haas, George
Christiansen, Ernst Wm. O.	Dusenberry, Louis	Halstead, William Augustus
Clark, George Dickson	Eager, Thomas	Hamilton, Robert
Classen, Adolph Fred. Anton	Edwards, Edward	Hammond, Philip
Classen, Frederick Harry	Edwards, Henry	Hansen, Frederick Ludwig
Clingman, George Evans	Edwards, James Wash'ton	Harpst, John
Cluff, Thomas McRea	Einstein, Morris	Harris, Elias
Cluff, William	Eisenberg, Isidor	Harris, Marcus
Clunie, Thomas Jefferson	Elfelt, Joseph	Hart, Marcus
Coblentz, Felix	Elliott, William	Hartje, John Herman Fred'k
Code, James Arthur	Emerson, John Augustus	Hartley, John Davis
Cohen, Joseph	Eppinger, Jacob	Hayes, George Walfred
Cohen, Philip	Esberg, Mendel	Heineman, Max M
Cohen, Simon	Ewen, Oliver	Hiester, Amos Calvin
Cohn, Gabriel	Fairchild, John Anthony	Herspring, Joseph
Connelly, James Edward	Falk, Morris	Hewson, James
Conrad, John George	Falkenstein, Henry	Heyman, Gustavus
Copeland, William Glen	Farrell, William	Heyneman, Herman
Couper, Auguste	Faulkner, Richard Douglass	Hilman, John Reuben
Cressy, Albert	Fenn, John Henry	Holje, Martin
Crocker, Henry Joseph	Ferris, Crawford	Hollub, Samuel Simon
Cronan, William	Fisher, Henry	Hooper, William Burchell
Crowley, Timothy Jay	Fisher, Henry James	Hornblower, Fred'k Aug

Hromada, Adolph	Lucas, Robert Hume	Peixotto, Edgar Davis
Huff, Abram	Luchsinger, John Jacob	Penhallow, De Blois Pearce
Hughes, Edward Calvin	Ludwig, Ernst Hubert	Penlington, George
Humphreys, George	Lusk, Albert	Perine, George Mairs
Ickelheimer, Samuel	Mack, Adolph	Peterson, John Cigord
Irvine, Alexander	Madison, James	Phillips, Wm. Armstrong
Iverson, Niels	Maguire, Thomas Frank	Piper, Arthur Leroy
Jacobs, Isidor	Makins, James Nicholas	Plouf, John Eli
Jennings, Charles Brooks	Manheim, Henry Simon	Polastri, Richard Stephen
Jennings, Edward	Markewitz, August	Pomin, George Joachim
Johnson, James Halvor	Marks, Jesse Emanuel	Porter, Abel Willard
Johnson, John Charles	Marks, Marcus	Posener, Max
Jones, George Edward	Martin, Henry Sebastian	Quinn, John Claude
Jones, Martin	Mayers, Solomon Julius	Rahlmann, Harry Frederick
Jones, William	McCann, Richard	Redmond, Michael Francis
Juda, Morris	McCormick, William	Reinhart, Benedict
Kartachoke, Gustav	McDonald, John Weir	Rice, Harvey Wood
Katz, Charles	McDonald, Robert	Richards, Charles Wesley
Keefer, Windsor Atchinson	McElroy, Andrew	Richards, Charles West, Jr.
Kenitzer, Henry	McGregor, Archibald Hend.	Riley, John Francis
Kennedy, Joseph	McKay, John Henry	Robbins, Frederick Averill
Kerr, David	McKellips, Daniel Martin	Roberts, John Charles
Keyer, John	McKenna, Thomas Dillon	Robinson, Cornel's Preston
Kirkpatrick, Thomas	McLaughlin, Alexander	Robinson, Henry Cooke
Kispiert, Charles Frank	McLea, Arthur	Romaine, Nicholas Theod'e
Kohn, Isaack	McNab, James	Rosenblatt, Arthur Stern
Korts, George Daniel	Mead, Lewis Risdon	Rosenstein, Fritz
Kroscher, Hugo Julius	Merx, Emil Otto Herman	Rosenstock, Samuel Wolf
Lachman, Albert	Metzger, Leo	Rountree, James
Ladagnous, Justin	Michaels, Abraham	Rountree, Moses Edmond
Lauden, Martin Kuttner	Miles, William Emmert	Rothschild, Joseph
Lengfield, Abraham Lewis	Miner, William Henry	Rowley, Brainard Nathan
Levin, Isidor	Mohrhardt, Philip Fred'k	Sabatie, Philippe Gabriel
Leviston, George	Moore, Charles Parker	Sachs, Lippman
Levy, Felix Nathan	Moraghan, Michael Bolan	Sahlein, Moses
Levy, Jacob	Morehouse, Christ.Colum'bs	Samuels, David
Levy, Joseph	Morshead, John White	Sanborn, Albion Irving
Levy, Mark Washington	Myrson, Simon	Savage, Wm. Cunningham
Levy, Morris Bernhard	Nagle, Peter Buck	Sawyer, Ebenezer Davis
Levy, Solomon	Naphtaly, Joseph	Scheerer, Joseph
Levy, Sylvain Samuel	Neuberger, Gustav	Schonfeld, Jacob
Lewellyn, Reese	Neuhaus, Christian HenryF.	Schweitzer, Jakob
Lewis, William	Newbauer, Herman Wolf	Schweitzer, Morris
Lezinsky, George	Nickol, Lorenz	Scott, Albert Woodburn
Lillie, William Henry	Nicolaysen, Frank	Scott, Henry Wilson
Littlefield, Joseph Hight	Noonan, Lawrence Edward	Seiler, Paul
Loane, Francis Marion	O'Connor, Cornelius	Shainwald, Herman
Logan, James Francesc	O'Connor, Edward Arthur	Sheets, Oliver Hazzard Perry
Lopresti, Anthony	O'Connor, Joseph	Sibley, Levi Butler
Loupy, John	Oliver, Edward	Simmons, Morris Joseph
Loupy, Noel Paul	Osborn, Corra Mahlon	Simon, Joseph
Lowe, Julius Williams	Peirce, Charles Vincent	Simpson, Thomas Benjamin

Smith, Charles Ward	Terry, John Colman	Wetjen, Oord
Smith, Clarence Mark	Thornton, William Mynn	Weyl, Bernardo
Smith, Henry	Tilton, Charles Stephen	White, Robert Frank
Solomon, Simon	Titus, William Henry Frank	White, Thomas Benton
Somervell, Wm. Somervell	Todd, David Byron	Williams, Daniel A
Soper, Henry Joseph	Triest, Bernhard	Williams, Henry
Spaulding, James Garfield	Troppmann, Charles Martin	Williams, Oscar
Speier, Bernard	True, Charles Shaw	Williamson, Henry
Sperling, Frank	Tubman, William	Wilson, Frederick Green
Speyer, Walter Morris	Turpin, Frederick Light	Wilson, John
Sresovich, Luke George	Tyson, James	Wilson, John N E
Stern, Louis	Tyson, Robert James	Wilson, Marion Allen
Stern, Sigmund	Umben, Gustav Henry	Wilson, Russell Jones
Still, William	Van Sicklen, F'd Wetherbee	Winter, John Frederick
Stockwell, James Henry	Von Wefelsburg, A. Barack	Wise, John Henry
Storn, Matthew Drysdale	Von Werthern, Joseph	Wolf, Jacob William
Sunderhous, Geo. Henry O.	Wagner, Jacob	Wolf, Simon
Szasman, Samuel	Waldron, John Terry	Wormser, Louis
Sweet, Solomon	Wankowski, William	Walzen, Diedrich Heinrich
Swift, Samuel	Warner, Will'm John Bagley	Young, John Shaw
Taylor, Samuel Johnson	Welch, Willard Choate, Jr.	Young, William—434.

WITHDRAWN:

Brandt, Louis	Herzo, John	Parker, Charles Hubbard
English, Leland Garrison	Jones, Harrison Alexander	Pearson, Henry Havens
Fox, Otto	Magnin, Simpson	Swannack, Daniel—9.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Barr, Milton Homer	Mayer, Oscar Joseph	Perry, David
Clawson, Leonard Edward	Meyer, Julius	Simon, Theodore Joseph
Daniels, William Lyon	Nye, Joseph Merrill	Young, Charles Mortimer
Ewer, Warren Baxter		—10.

EXCLUDED :

Vigoureux, William August—1.

DIED :

Bangs, Edward	Jarboe, John Rudolph	Patridge, Hiram Cutter
Bergson, Ole	Jones, Harrison	Pennie, James Orymes
Clement, Joseph	Kreling, William	Wilson, Thomas Kingsbury
Hunt, Henry Brown	Meyer, Charles	—11.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report	430	Withdrawn	9
Exalted	33	Susp. for non-payment of dues.	10
Affiliated	2—465.	Excluded	1
		Died	11
		Now borne upon the roll	434—465

SONORA CHAPTER, No. 2.**Sonora, Tuolumne County.***Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Eduard Kell, <i>High Priest,</i>	Alonzo Colby, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Frank Wilson Street, <i>King,</i>	James Edgar Requa, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Thomas Washington Wells, <i>Scribe,</i>	Archibald Patterson, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
John Mundorf, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Charles Edward Street, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Thomas Arthur Stiles Hender, <i>Secretary,</i>	Charles Henry Burden, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Wm. Gustav Rudorff, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Abraham Barlow, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Stephen Wing, <i>P.G.K.,</i>	Solomon Benas,	William Giles Long,
Edwin Aldrich Rodgers,	Alonzo Colby,	Eduard Kell.
James Bell,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bacon, Martin	Hampton, Joseph Moore	Nicoll, George Woodburn
Brown, Gurdon	Johnson, Andrew Porter	Parsons, Edmond
Calhoun, Henry Clay	Lang, Charles Edward	Sharwood, William
Collins, John	Leon, Samuel	Vial, John
Cooley, John	Long, Wilber	Wade, Charles Frederick
Divoll, James George	Mathews, James	West, John Henry
Foesterling, Louis, Jr.	Mitchell, Frederick Francis	Yancey, Tryon Milton—39.
Hale, George Webb		

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Byrd, Francis Jahew—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	36	Susp. for non-payment of dues ..	1
Exalted	3	Now borne upon the roll	39—40.
Affiliated	1—40.		

SACRAMENTO CHAPTER, No. 3.**Sacramento, Sacramento County.***Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Frank Lytle Thirkield, <i>High Priest,</i>	Elmer Judson Chrisman, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
John Walter Boyd, <i>King,</i>	George Dunn, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Louis Cyrus Schindler, <i>Scribe,</i>	Jacob Hyman, Jr., <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Edward Lyon, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Michael Thos. Oppersmith, <i>Mas. 2d Vail,</i>
Edwin Glover, <i>Secretary,</i>	Thomas Ferriter, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Wm. Hewson Davis, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	George Frederick Bronner, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

William Franklin Knox,	Alfred Aug'tus Redington,	John William Rock,
Powell Samuel Lawson,	Cornelius Kellogg,	Richard Palmer Burr,
Wm. Mon. Petrie, <i>P.G.H.P.</i> ,	Joseph Davey,	Jacob Hyman, Jr.,
Wm. B'kley Davis, <i>P.G.H.P.</i> ,	Alexander John Gardiner,	John Hurley,
Charles Mortimer Coglan,	Rufus Burnham Harmon,	Thos. Maria Bittancourt.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Abbott, Augustus	Crouch, Eugene Ackley	Guthrie, John William
Adams, Oliver Miller	Cunningham, John Austin	Hale, Evert Wilburn
Alexander, Benj. Franklin	Curtis, Nathaniel Greene	Hale, Marshall, Jr.
Allen, John Francois	Dale, Richard	Hale, Prentiss Cobb
Alltucker, Henry	Davis, Jacob Zeigler	Hall, Thomas Bertram
Andrews, Adam	Davis, James Gilliland	Hamilton, William Brown
Andrews, John Nichols	Decker, Horace Washing'n	Hammer, Mosheim Schm'r
Atkinson, Edmund Clement	Dennery, Alphonse	Harper, Thomas
Baldwin, William Hedges	Denson, Samuel Crawford	Harris, David
Ball, Charles Henry	Dierssen, Geo. Ernest Aug't	Haskell, Dudley Haines
Barrett, Isaac Thomas	Dixon, William Henry	Hatch, James Darrow
Bassett, William Walter	Domingos, John	Hatch, Wilbur Marok
Bergevin, Nelson Langevin	Dresher, Valentine	Hawk, Elbridge Lafayette
Bliss, Sydney	Drew, Nathaniel Lafayette	Hawkins, William
Block, Morris	Dwyer, Michael	Heilbron, Adolph
Bragg, Henry William	Ecklon, Christian Ludwig	Heilbron, Henry August
Braun, August	Ellers, Theodore George	Heisen, Charles, Jr.
Breuner, John	Farr, David	Herzog, Phillip
Breuner, Louis Frederick	Fay, Newton Murray	Hevener, William Henry
Briggs, William Ellery	Fillmore, Jerome Adolphus	Hickey, William Edward
Bumps, George Henry	Fleming, Frank	Hoag, William Moffet
Burckhard, James Philo	Flye, Charles Eben	Hollister, Dwight
Burnett, Augustus	Forbes, Robert	Holmes, Henry T
Burnham, James Henry	Foster, James Stewart	Hoover, Benjamin Vanzandt
Butler, Stephen William	Fox, Thomas	Hopkins, Edwin Carmi
Calderwood, Job Francis	Foye, Wm. Robinson Smith	Howell, Sydney Algernon
Carrier, William James	Frank, Samuel	Hubbard, Cyrus Hayden
Carroll, Edgar Barclay	Fraser, Henry Carpenter	Hubbs, Anthony
Carroll, Harry Winans	Frommelt, Hugo	Huggins, Henri Tyler
Caswell, William Averill	Gallatin, Albert	Hull, Joseph
Champlin, Nelson	George, Wilbur Forest	Hyman, Daniel
Chapman, Bernard Henry	Gerber, William Emil	Hyman, Jacob, Sr.
Chapman, George Warren	Gerson, Samuel	Ingham, Harry
Christy, Edward	Gett, William Andrew, Jr.	Inwalle, John Joseph
Church, William Smithers	Gillia, Dugald	Irvine, Richard Cutrer
Clark, Jerome Franklin	Goss, Charles Richard	Irvine, William John
Cluness, William Robert	Gottlieb, Samuel	Jackson, William Franklin
Cohn, Edward Francis	Graham, Louis Edgar	Johnson, Hiram Warren
Coleman, Timothy	Gray, Alexander Isaac	Johnson, Julian Workman
Conoway, George Winfield	Gray, Arthur Irvine	Johnston, William
Cook, Hiram	Green, Peter B	Jones, William Rowland
Cooledge, Isaac Baldwin	Gregg, George	Just, John Peter
Cothrin, William Kip	Gregory, Eugene Julius	Ketchum, Marvin Alonzo
Crocker, Henry Smith	Gregory, Frank	Knight, William Durrant
Crofton, John	Griffiths, John T	Knight, William Rudd
Croly, Edward James	Gruhler, John	Lambert, Frank Ellis

Lavenson, Samuel	O'Neil, James	Stevens, Charles Henry
Lawson, Walter Brockaw	Payne, Jeremiah Newton	Stevenson, Henry Llewellyn
Levison, Jacob	Peck, Nelson Stanley	Stober, Frederick Conrad
Levy, Edward Roger	Peterson, Wm. Frederic	Stoll, Benjamin Franklin
Lewis, Samuel Amanza	Phillips, George	Strader, Harvey Winton
Lightner, Bonus	Phillips, Louis	Sutleff, Levi Beardsley
Little, Christopher	Pike, John Elias Tucker	Taverner, George
Littlefield, Lewis Bateman	Platt, Philemon Eli	Todd, John William
Locke, George Washington	Porter, Olive William	Tufts, Albert Courier
Lufkins, Harry Tileston	Porter, James Nicholas	Ulp, Alfred
Lykins, Preston Lodwick	Potter, William Alfred	Van Fleet, William Carey
McAlister, Adam Armstrong	Putnam, George Alford	Van Voorhies, Albert Alex.
McArthur, John	Railton, George William	Vaughan, Richard
McKay, Daniel	Rath, Elias	Vermilya, Abram John
McKee, Edward Hervey	Rego, Edward Sutherland	Wachhorst, Herman
McKee, James Anderson	Reid, Thomas Benton	Wallace, Campbell William
McLaughlin, William	Ressegui, James Gleason	Wallquist, Carl Johan
McMartin, John Alexander	Richards, John	Waterhouse, Columbus
Meister, August	Roberts, John Henry	Welch, Benjamin
Menke, Anton	Roberts, Lewis Clark	Welch, Geo. Drake
Merrill, John Francis	Robinson, Robert	West, Daniel
Miller, Peter Andrew	Rohrer, Fred William	White, George Amos
Miller, William Buchanan	Runyon, Solomon	Wilcoxon, Jefferson
Mills, James Edgar	Scheunert, Carl Emil	Wilder, Joel Osgood
Moore, Robert H	Schroth, John George	Willard, David Wright
Moore, Seth Beardsley	Scott, Thomas James	Willis, Evander Berry
Mouser, Silas Mercer	Sheldon, William Chauncey	Willis, William Ladd
Nathan, Samuel	Smith, Benjamin	Wilson, Jesse Warren
Nelson, Clarence Newton	Smith, Frank Augustus	Witham, Gilbert Tapley
Nevis, Manuel Silva	Smith, Thomas	Wood, William
Nichols, Arthur Lambard	Stanley, Leander	Woodburn, Charles Gabriel
Ochsner, John	Stanton, Perrin	Woodburn, James
Odell, Merrill Francis	Steffens, Joseph	Wright, John Bascom
Olney, Cephas Charles	Steinman, Bernhard Ulmer	Yoerk, August Charles
Olsen, Jens Romeo	Steinmeyer, Fred'k Wilhelm	Young, John Nelles—269.

MARK MASTER:

Mitchell, William—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Pockman, Thomas Cross—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Brown, Byron Bradley	Frost, Amos Locke	Perkins, William Dana
Brown, Jay Rochelle	LaRue, Hugh McElroy	Sindelar, Joseph—8.
Bugbey, Benjamin Norton	Pacheco, Romualdo	

DIED:

Cook, Nicholas Leonidas

Taverner, Thomas Moore—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....270	Withdrawn..... 1
Exalted..... 9	Susp. for non payment of dues. 8
Affiliated..... 2—281.	Died..... 2
	Error in last report..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll..... 269—281.

CALIFORNIA CHAPTER, No. 5.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Tuesdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

John Allen Hosmer, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Joseph Gardner Baston, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Benjamin Franklin Jellison, <i>King</i> ,	Reuben Brooks Hale, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Hugh James Owen, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Robert Andrew Walker, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Thaddeus Benning Kent, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Arthur Calvin Soule, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Franklin Henry Day, <i>Secretary</i> ,	William Benz, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Wm. Christopher Heyer, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	Samuel David Mayer, <i>Organist</i> ,
	James Oglesby, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Reuben Edgar Raimond,	Edward Potter Cressey,
William Henry Lyon,	Charles Lewis Patton,
William Thomas Reynolds, <i>P. G. H. P.</i> ,	Henry Ascroft,
Hiram Throop Graves,	George Dietterle,
Alfred Coolidge Waitt,	Robert Ash,
Joseph Miller Litchfield,	John Kirkpatrick, <i>P. G. H. P.</i> ,
John Elbridge Purdy,	Thomas Kyle,
Abraham Halsey,	Albert Frederick Knorp,
Franklin Henry Day, <i>P. G. H. P.</i> ,	William Abraham Davies, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>
Isaac Stanwood Locke,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adams, Joseph Willard	Blackburn, David Otis	Bruce, James Henderson
Allen, Richard Spicer	Blair, Walter Beasley	Bruns, Henry Frederick
Allen, William Alvord	Blake, Edward Presbrey	Buckingham, Aurelius E.
Ames, Frank Holmes	Blaser, John Christian	Buckland, Owen
Anderson, Isaac	Bloomer, John Godfrey	Bunker, Robert Elmer
Anderson, Winslow	Blossom, Henry Eckford	Burns, Henry Bernard
Armstrong, George Robert	Bone, Charles	Burtis, Robert Wallace
Atkinson, Thos. Thompson,	Booth, Andrew George	Callahan, Charles
Baker, Charles Henry	Boyes, James	Callinan, William
Baldwin, Alfred Walton	Bragg, Frank	Campbell, Robert
Baldwin, Sherman Charles	Bragg, Robert	Campbell, Vernon
Ballard, Jedediah Stow	Breece, Abraham	Campbell, Walter Chauncey
Band, Henry Frederick	Breidenbach, Emile Henry	Carr, John George
Bandmann, Charles Julius	Breon, Paul	Castle, Stephen
Barclay, Peter Thomas	Bridge, William Edward	Center, John
Barclay, Robert Henry	Brigham, Calvin Oaks	Chapin, Dinsmore Davis
Barnes, William Sanford	Brinckerhoff, Harman	Chesley, Charles Palmer
Barnhisel, Epenetus Ro'g's	Brittan, Nathaniel Jones	Childs, George
Bauer, John Christian	Bromley, George Tisdale	Christian, Ceasar
Baum, David Andrew	Brown, Arthur Page	Christiansen, Jacob
Benedict, Courtland Smith	Brown, Henry Adams	Christie, James Alexander
Benson, John Adelbert	Brown, Henry Rolf	Church, Edward Bentley
Binge, Theo. Christoph Dan'l	Brown, Tom Adamson	Clark, John Franklin
Birch, William Henry	Brown, William Anderson	Clifford, James Benjamin
Black, Howard	Brown, William Graham	Oloak, Harry Bordell
Black, Joseph	Browning, Jeremiah	Cockrill, Theo. Guevara

Cogswell, James Lafayette	Eklund, John Peter	Hammond, Rich'd Pindell, Jr.
Cole, Edward Pleasant	Ellert, Levi Richard	Hammond, Samuel Chester
Cole, Richard Beverly	Elliot, Charles Emery	Hansen, Carl Christian A
Coleman, Carlton Chinn	Elwell, Frank David	Hanson, Edw'd Henscheldey
Coleman, William Warren	Estee, Morris March	Harbourne, John Wesley
Conway, George	Evans, Chester Hepburn	Hare, Elias C
Cords, David Andrew	Evans, Joseph John	Hart, Wm. Henry Harrison
Cox, Alexander Middleton	Evans, Luther John	Hartshorne, Benj. Minturn
Cox, Henry	Ewing, James Stanley	Haskell, Charles Lyman
Cox, Palmer	Fargo, Jerome Bonaparte	Hatch, James Henry
Crim, William Henry	Ferguson, George Harrison	Hatch, Theodore Henry
Crocker, Calvin Harlow	Fickett, James Everett	Hauxhurst, Samuel Weeks
Orocker, Charles Frederic	Field, Alfred Bishop	Heald, Edward Payson
Crocker, William Henry	Fielding, Samuel Marion	Hedley, John
Cross, Charles Vernon	Finck, Julius	Heidt, John William
Cummings, Walter Bailey	Firth, Joseph Kirk	Hellwig, Christian
Curtis, John Morrison	Fisher, Will Everett	Hemstreet, Albert David
Daggett, John Randolph	Fiske, Henry Mortimer	Heuer, William Henry
Dall, Peter Peterson	Fiske, William Henry	Highton, Henry Edward
Dalton, Franklin	Fitzgerald, William Thomas	Hildebrandt, Carsten
Dalton, Thomas Benton	Flint, Brilsford Pease	Hindes, Edward Brooks
Daniell, William Henry	Fonda, William Middleton	Hobbs, John Kimble Carl'n
Davis, Winfield Scott	Fonda, William Thomas	Hodgdon, James Peverly
Dean, Peter	Foster, Arthur William	Hodge, Robert
Decker, Charles William	Foster, William Barrett	Hoffman, Henry Nathaniel
De Witt, Thomas Byron	French, Frank James	Hopkins, Timothy
Dick, Daniel John	Frolich, Theodore	Horn, Bernard Jeremiah
Dickinson, John Henry	Gabbs, Albert Steven Isaiah	Horton, Thomas Rotch
Dodd, Willis Gorman	Garratt, Benjamin Franklin	Hotaling, Anton Parsons
Dominguez, Richard Arthur	Gillson, John	Howard, Horace Zerah
Dorn, Marcellus Americus	Girvin, James William	Howes, Cyrus Pierce
Doud, Aaron	Godley, Montgomery	Hubbard, Henry Calvin
Dougherty, Charles Medley	Goodban, Francis Edward	Hubbard, Thomas Jay
Dow, George Edwin	Goodman, Theodore Henry	Husted, Orson Justus
Dowling, Thomas Henry	Grade, William Adolph	Humphreys, James Holroyd
Driffeld, Vero Oarus	Grant, Thomas Chamberlain	Huribut, Reuben Preston
Duboce, Victor Donglaim	Grauerholz, Henry John	Hutchinson, Ely Israel
Dugan, Charles Edwin	Graves, Charles Henry	Iredale, Charles Winslow
Duncan, Benjamin Beatty	Gray, De Witt Clinton	Jackson, Alden W
Dunn, James	Green, Charles Ernest	Jacobs, Albert
Eagleson, John Geddes	Greenwood, Monroe	Jaynes, Frank
Earl, John Ogden	Grey, John Thomas	Jeffers, Milo Sidney
Earle, Henry Halford	Griffin, John Wesley	Jenks, George Washington
Earle, Slade Anthony, Jr.	Griffith, John Bernuth	Jewett, George Albert
Easton, Anson Mills	Griffiths, Thomas Hamlyn	Johnson, Albert de M'tfredy
Easton, Wendell	Gunn, Benjamin McKay	Johnson, George
Eaton, Frank Eugene	Hall, Robert (S. F.)	Johnson, Mathias
Eckart, William Roberts	Hall, Robert (Sonoma)	Jones, Cyrus Winship
Eddy, Richard A	Hallett, Alonzo	Jones, Edward Thomas
Ede, William	Halsted, James La Fayette	Jones, Henry Isaacs
Edgar, Dan Joseph	Hamilton, Hiram Milton	Jones, John Richard
Edmondson, John George	Hammond, Andrew Benoni	Jones, William
Edwards, William	Hammond, John	Jones, William Arthur

Jones, William Gustus	Martin, Minor Silas	Newhall, Edwin White
Jost, Charles	Marye, George Thomas, Jr.	Newhall, Harry Gregory
Jost, Charles, Jr.	Mathews, Henry Allen	Nixon, James Henry
Jost, Joseph	Mathews, Henry Edward	Noonen, John
Jost, William Rheinhard	Mathewson, John	Norcross, Daniel
Judd, Garritt Pitt	Matthews, Arthur Wellingt'n	North, George Loomis
Kellogg, Frank Harvey	McAfee, William Adam	O'Brien, Thomas V
Kelly, Robert Gabriel	McCarty, James	Osborn, Lamartine
Kennedy, Frank	McClure, Stewart	Osborn, Robert Folger
Kennedy, John Fitzmaurice	McComb, John	Otersen, Herman
Kenyon, Curtis George	McConnell, Chalmers New'n	Page, John Harding
Kern, Morris James	McCullough, Edwin Clifford	Parish, Mark
Keyser, Paul	McCullough, H. Van Schaick	Parker, Edward Fletcher
Keyston, William Donald	McDonnell, Samuel Alex'er	Parson, Edward
Kimball, Moses Coombe	McGann, Patrick Henry	Partridge, Edward Briggs
Kincaid, John Evans	McKay, Alexander	Paterson, Alex. Van Rens'r
King, Henry Lewis	McKeon, John	Payne, Warren Ritch
King, Joseph Libby	McLane, George Milligan	Peabody, Edward
Kinne, Charles Mason	McMillan, Robert	Peabody, Edward William
Knight, George Alexander	McNee, Alexander	Peck, John Edward
Koenig, Frank	McNutt, William Frederick	Peckham, William Henry
Kohler, Henry	Meigs, Anson Woodman	Peel, Jonathan Morflew
Kramer, Louis George	Ments, John Henry	Peel, Robert Thomas
Krieg, Anton	Merrill, James William	Perlam, Charles James
Kron, Oscar Jacob	Meston, Robert	Perkins, George Washing'n
Lacey, Albert Ernest	Metzner, Charles Francis	Perley, Albion Starbird
Landers, John	Miller, Robert Buchanan	Peterson, Arthur Simison
Landgrebe, Robert George	Mills, Edward Tyrrell Bisset	Phillips, Nathan Fraser
Lane, William	Minor, Theodore Henry	Phillips, William Rippard
Lane, William Edmund	Mitchell, Robert Brent	Plum, Charles Mortimer
Lank, Samuel James	Montague, Wilford Weed	Porter, Thomas Alexander
Latson, Francis Palmer	Montalegre, Carlos Fran'co	Preston, Edgar Frank
Lawson, Andrew	Moore, Andrew	Price, Arthur Faraday
Leibold, Jacob George	Moore, Arthur Weld	Price, Thomas
Leydecker, Theo. William	Moore, Charles Cadwell	Prior, John Lewis
Little, George Edward	Moore, Elliott Josiah	Ralston, William Chapman
Little, William Tell	Moore, Robert S	Read, Henry Lawrence
Lloyd, Reuben Hedley	Moraghan, John Owen	Redding, Joseph Deighan
Lockwood, Thomas	Morfew, Thomas	Reese, Evan Leander
Logan, Milburn Hill	Morgan, Charles Augustus	Reld, James William
Long, John Thomas	Morgan, David, Jr.	Reis, John O'Neal
Lovelace, Arthur Stuart	Morgan, Frederick Charles	Reynolds, Frank Augustus
Lowell, Albert Carroll	Morgan, John Stilwell	Reynolds, Frank Bailey
Lucas, John William	Morrow, William W	Rice, Frank Scott
Lucas, Walter Edward	Morse, John Frederick	Rice, Richard James
Lundquist, Edward Charles	Morton, Thomas	Riordan, Thomas Daniel
Lutz, William Edward	Muller, John	Robertson, Wm. Alexander
Lux, Frank Antoin	Murdock, George Leonard	Rodgers, Arthur
Lyman, Charles	Murphy, Samuel Green	Ross, Donald
Macdonald, William	Nagle, Richard Hamilton	Rundell, William Mason
Maguire, Michael Edward	Nash, Charles	Russ, Henry Beauchamp
Mann, Asro Levi	Neal, Charles Sanders	Russell, John Adams
Martin, Alexander	Neal, George Folger	Russell, Monson

Ryan, Michael	Stark, William Alexander	Walker, James Greig
Sabin, John Ira	Staude, Fred	Walsh, George Charles
Saunborn, William David	Steiner, Nicholas	Warburton, Samuel
Schetsel, Adolph Georg	Stevens, William Emerson	Ward, William
Schmidt, Valentine	Stockfieth, John	Ward, William Braddon
Schreiber, Martin Aug. Wm.	Stoddart, Augustus Wynne	Warren, Joseph Maxwell
Scott, Ebenezer	Sumner, Frank William	Warwick, James Blain
Scott, Thomas William	Swain, Edward Robinson	Waterhouse, Fred. Adelbert
Segesser, John Ulrich	Swenson, John Augustus	Watkins, Alonzo Augustus
Seibel, Philipp	Swift, James Flitercroft	Webster, Artemas
Seymour, Simon Harry	Tait, William Cave	Weed, Merritt Herman
Shattuck, David Dustin	Taylor, George McClellan	Weldon, William Edwin
Shoobert, John Edmund	Taylor, John Brinkworth	Wells, Asa Reynolds
Shortridge, Samuel Morgan	Thompson, George	Wells, William
Shortt, Lawr'ce Hartshorne	Thompson, George Howard	Wheaton, Milton Alverd
Simpson, James	Thomson, Thomas	Whitcomb, Frank Randolph
Skivington, John Franklin	Thornton, Samuel Kennedy	White, George Knight
Slack, Charles William	Thrall, Henry Homer	White, Lovell
Smith, Emory Evans	Tierney, Charles Henry	Whitham, John Hastings
Smith, Francis	Tindal, George Watson	Wieland, Robert Paul
Smith, George Sedgwick	Tonningsen, John	Wilkie, Andrew
Smith, George Strait	Trebell, Thomas	Wilms, Stephen Caleb
Smith, Harry Burt, Jr.	Trobock, Bartholo'w Nich's	Wilson, Charles Harold
Smith, Henry Julian	Turner, James Frederick	Wilson, John Henry
Smith, James Jerome	Vail, Akin Hiller	Wilson, William Archibald
Smith, Lewis Warren	Vance, George Prescott	Woodbury, Warren Dean
Smith, William Frederick	Vanderslice, Wm. Keyser	Woodlock, John
Smith, William Jacob	Van Duzer, Oliver	Woods, Harry Frank
Soomann, Johan. Jo'am Theo.	Veen, Frank Joseph	Woodward, Gideon Paschall
Sowers, Frederick	Vetter, Philipp	Wright, Charles William
Spear, Gustavus Langford	Volkman, Rudolph	Wright, Cyrus Smith
Spear, Lewis Eugene	Von Schmidt, Alexey Wal'r	York, William
Spence, Abel Strain	Von Staden, George	Young, Arthur Lansing
Stadtfeld, Jacob	Wadsworth, James C. Luke	Young, Shirley Treve
Stafford, William Gardner	Wagner, August Henry	Younger, William John
Starbird, Albion Wilson	Wagner, John	—534.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

Armstrong, James William—1.

MARK MASTER:

Alexander, William Stanley—1.

RESTORED:

Reynolds, Frank Bailey

Reynolds, William Thomas, P. G. H. P—2.

WITHDRAWN:

Brown, Charles Frederick

Koscialowski, Philip Leon—2.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:Barnes, William Henry Linow
Heinlen, Goethe Augustus

Rugg, Amos Uriah

Salisbury, Charles—4.

EXCLUDED:

Ewell, Luther Jerome

McGeorge, William Connolly

Reder, John—3.

DIED:

Blake, Charles Edward	Kinsey, Kerst	Mathews, William
Cummings, Henry Addison	Knipe, Thomas John	Salsbury, Warren Higgins
Frost, Eugene	Marshall, David Pugh	Waters, George Latham
Jeffray, William	McNee, John Hunter	—11.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	520	Withdrawn.....	2
Exalted	24	Susp. for non-paym't of dues	4
Affiliated.....	8	Excluded.....	3
Restored.....	2—554.	Died	11
		Now borne upon the roll....	534—554.

NEVADA CHAPTER, No. 6.

Nevada, Nevada County.

Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

David Eddy Morgan, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William Barker, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Sherman Ward Marsh, <i>King</i> ,	William Barton, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Edward Samuel Edwards, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Charles Henry Eddy, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John Thomas Morgan, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William Floyd, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Ianthis Jerome Rolfe, <i>Secretary</i> ,	James O White, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Milan Buchard Siddles, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Antonio Tam, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Thos. H. Caswell, <i>P.G.H.P.</i> ,	Kaskil Casper,	William Barker,
Thomas Mein,	Martin Luther Marsh,	Edward Myers Preston,
Ianthis Jerome Rolfe,	Joseph Thomas,	George Lovett Hughes.
Halstead Stansfield,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Barrett, Charles Augustus	Hampton, Elisha	Pease, Sanford Orin
Bernardo, Manuel Joseph	Hanley, William A	Reid, James
Bridges, Edwin David	Holland, Jacob La Fayette	Richards, William Gilbert
Buffington, John Mason, Jr.	Holmes, William	Rose, David
Chapman, Lucius Homer	Kendrick, Colin	Rose, James
Clemon, William	Kendrick, Levi Jackson	Searls, Fred
Curnow, Robert	Langley, Exile Henry	Searls, Niles
Ennis, Franklin	Long, William David	Shaw, George Crawford
Evans, John	Marsh, Daniel	Tellam, Frederick
Fleming, Jos. Davenport	McBean, John	Tilley, Edwin
Folene, Antone	McBrown, John	Tompkins, Edward Alex.
Gaylord, George Cook	McElvey, Charles	Tower, Alonzo Douglas
Goodwin, Jeremiah Samuel	Murrish, John Thomas	—59.
Hale, Horace		

DIED:

Crandall, Orman	Morgan, William Thomas—2.
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RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	59	Died.....	2
Affiliated.....	2—61.	Now borne upon the roll....	59—61.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Andrews, Alex. Robertson	Kellner, Wilhelm	Scammon, James Freeman
Bedford, James Franklin	McDonald, Luke	Scott, John Varner
Bell, Joseph Evans	McKean, William Pierce	Sechrist, George Howard
Bessmer, Albert John	Nichols, James Levin	Shanahan, Thad. Wilson Huff
Bystle, Adolphus	Overmyer, Charles Edwin	Shuffleton, Hugh Hall
Cutter, Harry Hill	Perryman, Thomas John	Smith, Albert Ferdinand
Drynan, James Angus	Radulovich, Chris	Smith, Thomas Burton
Greene, Thomas	Recardo, John D	Souter, John
Hainline, Charles Grant	Reynolds, John Edward	Sweeny, Edward
Harvey, John Wesley	Rosevear, Samuel John	Syme, John
Hawkins, Devine Zachariah	Ross, Albert Frederick	Thatcher, Geo. Washington
Herron, Matthew Wilkes	Ross, Herman Frederick	Weil, David
Herzinger, John	Sandry, Samuel	Wimmer, James Moses
Huester, Louis Frederick	Satterlee, Frank Peck	Winsell, Jas. Fletcher—58.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Averill, George Warren	Plumb, Mayne	Well, Selgmund
Dolde, Arnold Charles	Reagan, James	Witherow, Samuel Newton
Mitchell, Marshall Alex.		—7.

DIED :

Martin, Rufus Franklin—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....56	Susp. for non-payment of dues..... 7
Exalted 9	Died..... 1
Affiliated 1—66.	Now borne upon the roll.....58 —66.

SUTTER CHAPTER, No. 11.

Sutter Creek, Amador County.

Stated Meetings, third Friday in each month.

OFFICERS:

William Henry Gunsolus, <i>High Priest,</i>	Wallace Kay, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Walter Scott Cooledge, <i>King,</i>	Louis Katz, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Isaac Newton Templeton, <i>Scribe,</i>	John Roger Tregloan, <i>Master 3d Val,</i>
George Allen, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Thomas William Trudgen, <i>Master 2d Val,</i>
Frank Arthur Voorheis, <i>Secretary,</i>	Jackson Dennis, <i>Master 1st Val,</i>
John McDougill Post, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	John Jelmini, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Alvinza Hayward,	John McDougill Post,	Edward Converse Voorheis,
John Whitten Surface,	Robert Redpath,	Morris Brinn,
Robert Altken,	Wallace Kay,	William Henry Gunsolus.
John Lithgow,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adams, Robert John	Marchant, John	Robinson, Robert
Bell, William	Milliken, Jesse	Surface, Jacob
Bennetts, William Arthur	Minear, John Ingersol	Surface, James Phillip
Clute, Peter Alonzo	Oulds, John	Sutherland, George
Frates, Frank	Owens, Hugh Owen	Walter, Henry Franklin
Harvey, William James	Patterson, David Anderson	Whitelach, Daniel Henry
Isaacs, Bernhard	Pope, Robert	Yelmini, Victor Pacific—42.
Jennings, William	Richardson, Lorenzo G.	

PAST MASTER:

Perkins, John Dabney—1.

DIED:

Hall, Frank Henry—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	42	Died	1
Exalted	1—43.	Now borne upon the roll	42—43.

MERCED CHAPTER, No. 12.

Merced, Merced County.

Stated Meetings, second and fourth Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Robert Gracey, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Albert Pitzer, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Giacomo Garibaldi, <i>King</i> ,	Charles Simon, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Walter Nathan Sherman, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Edward Stephen O'Brien, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Carter Landram, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Oscar Alexander Baker, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
James Leonard, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Ebenezer Maxw'l Stoddard, <i>Mas. 1st Vail</i> ,
Aaron Badt, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Thomas Albert Hall, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Hiram Newton Bucker,	Aaron Badt,	William Lewis Silman,
Arthur Homer Dauchy,	Albert Pitzer,	Robert Gracey.
Carter Landram,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adams, William	Hart, William John	Shrimpton, William Bolton
Barfield, George Hardwick	Hunt, William Horton	Simonsen, John Henry
Becker, Frederick	Jacobs, Isaac Henry	Snyder, John Washington
Draper, Wilbur Fiske	Jones, Lewis Fuller	Sproule, Isaac Henry
Einfeldt, Detlef Johannis	Means, William Leland	Stoneroad, Geo. Washington
Fleming, Charles Edgar	Neighbor, Gilbert Bodine	Thorn, Joseph Franklin
Gribble, James Thomas	Rector, Elbridge Gerry	Warfield, Chas. Alex. Hamilt'n
Hammatt, Robert William	Roes, Henry Christofer	Westbay, William Wesley
Hardwick, Wm. Jefferson	Russell, John	Zirker, Adolph Jacob—44.
Harris, Charles Parsons	Schroeder, John George	

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	42	Now borne upon the roll	44.
Exalted	2—44.		

WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 13.**Marysville, Yuba County.***Stated Meetings, second Friday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

William Andrew Lowery, <i>High Priest,</i>	Wm. Theophilus Henn, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Randolph Whitney Skinner, <i>King,</i>	Albert Julius Menz, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Ortis Frederick Lee, <i>Scribe,</i>	Peter Engel, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Jesse Beech Fuller, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Solomon Lewek, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Thomas Hugh Kernan, <i>Secretary,</i>	Charles Augustus Webb, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
John Wesley Myrer, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	John George McLellan, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Norman Dunning Rideout,	Thomas Hugh Steel,	Amasa Willey White,
Charles E Stone,	Henry Charles Lott,	Alexander Cameron Irwin,
Andrew Jackson Binney,	Samuel Josiah Smith Rogers,	William Flint Peacock,
Lemuel Trescott Crane,	Joseph Swain Dallam,	John George McLellan.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Aaron, Francis Wm. Howard	Flint, Joseph A	Miller, Hezekiah Monroe
Aubrey, Frank Cornelius	Fraser, Daniel	Nelson, William Harvey
Barrie, John Ferguson	Gianella, Vincenzo	North, George
Batchelder, Adoni'm Judson	Gibson, Alexander	Oakley, Amasa Wilder
Belcher, Isaac Sawyer	Goad, William Frank	Ostrom, Daniel Augustus
Belcher, William Caldwell	Gottwals, William	Oyster, William M
Berry, Campbell Polson	Graffia, Alonzo	Pascoe, Charles Flood
Berry, James McConnell	Griffith, Irwin	Peck, William Francis
Bevan, Thomas Edward	Haggood, Charles	Peffer, John
Bingham, Atkins Clark	Hause, Ferdinand	Peters, Joseph
Bomatter, Charles	Haynes, James	Phillips, Joseph
Bradley, Samuel Henry	Hewett, Arthur Hathaway	Pincus, Emil
Brittan, Robert Edward Lee	Hochstadter, Adolph	Rusby, James Orion
Burner, Henry	Hochstadter, Simon	Sanborn, Miles Edward
Carpenter, Geo. Washington	Holland, George	Saye, George Marion
Chase, Thomas	Hortop, Phillip	Schuler, Conrad
Clements, William Andrew	Hudson, Edward Henry	Slingsby, William
Cohn, Isaac Geballe	Hull, Theodore Benson	Soderland, Johannes
Dahling, Henry Frank Fred.	Hunter, William	Soderland, Noach
Davis, Edwin Amenzio	Hutchins, Gavin Walker	Stanwood, Richard Goss
Deaner, Samuel Christian	Jasper, Jos. M. Carrington	Stoddard, William Seward
DeWitt, William Golder	Kells, Robert Cornelius	Stratton, Cornelius Allen
Dixon, John	Knight, David Edgar	Swain, William Caldwell
Dougall, Thomas	Kosby, Augustus Emil	Thom, David, Jr.
Duncan, John Lewis	Landecker, David Henry	Thompson, Ernest Briceono
Earnshields, Victor Lewis	Lask, Joseph	Walton, Benjamin Franklin
Eastman, James Fred.	Logan, Anderson Dabney	Walton, Hiram Aaron Jr.
Ellis, William Turner	Marcuse, Marcus	Weber, Henry Victor
Engel, John Phillip	Marcuse, Myer A	Wilcoxon, Caleb Elsha
Ewell, Samuel	Mattison, Charles	Wilson, Wesley Thomas
Falk, Herman	Mayer, Christopher	Wilson, William Clay
Featherly, Edward Wash'n	McNutt, John Fleming	Wolters, George
Fimbrelth, Arthur Francis	Meek, Emerson Emmet	Wood, Ira Halstead—124.
Fisher, Amos	Miller, Frank B	

PAST MASTER:

Rideout, Benjamin Norman—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Adams, Charles Dinkel—1.

DIED:

Saul, Jeremiah Andrew Willey, Amasa Parker Woodworth, Willard Downer—3.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	127	Withdrawn.....	1
Affiliated	1—128.	Died	3
		Now borne upon the roll.....	124—128.

HOWARD CHAPTER, No. 14.

San Jose, Santa Clara County.

*Stated Meetings, first Friday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

William Henry Haydock, <i>High Priest,</i>	Orrin Francis Mann, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
George Butterfield McKee, <i>King,</i>	James Russell Ournow, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
Clarence Haydock, <i>Scribe,</i>	George Henry Bragg, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Clement Theodore Park, <i>Treasurer,</i>	John Christian Gericha, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Joseph Wheeler Cook, <i>Secretary,</i>	George Thomas Gribner, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
John Thomas Coyle, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Samuel Watson Boring, <i>Chaplain,</i>
	Fred Sanford Coffin, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Wm. Alex. January, <i>P.G.H.P.</i>	Daniel O Dunn,	Fred. Sanford Coffin,
Wilbur Justus Wilcox,	Orrin Francis Mann,	Samuel Watson Boring,
William Osmond Breyfogle,	George Alex. Fleming,	Ralph Lowe,
Wilson Hays,	Wm. Winfield Blanchard,	Sam. Hopkins Wagener.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Allen, Cyrus Hamilton	Briggs, John Gregg	Flagg, Edwin Clarence
Allison, William De Witt	Bruner, Henry Smith	Gay, Miles Harvey
Averett, Alvis Early	Cash, Albert B	Gobes, Robert Pearis
Beach, Tyler	Cate, Horatio Wilson	Haley, William Wallace
Bean, George Albert	Chapman, Aid de Lyon	Hambly, Thomas Werry
Bensett, Augustus Griffin	Clinkenbeard, Kinzea Stone	Hamilton, Alonzo Babbitt
Blair, Thomas Henry	Collins, Richard Everett	Hare, Andrew Jackson
Boulware, Milton Amos	Cory, Benjamin	Hawley, William George
Bowen, Alfred	Cory, Benjamin Brodie	Henry, James Harrison
Bowman, George Melville	Emmerson, George	Herrold, Ebenezer Wilson
Brackett, Jethro Nat'l Bruce	Evans, Reece Thompson	Hofstra, Sake Anton
Bradlee, Ezra Smith	Farwell, Albert Bingham	Hollis, William Henry
Bray, George	Field, Arthur Gilbert	Howard, Volney
Breyfogle, Charles Wesley	Fisher, John Edward	Leigh, Hugh Alexander

Lenzen, Theodore	Osborne, Antrim Edgar	Shearer, Paul Morphy
Lighthall, George Elisha	Ownby, Thomas Powell	Shields, James Robert
Livingston, William	Peacock, Geo. Washington	Shively, Reuben Otis
Mantz, Werner Henry	Perrin, Henry	Simpson, William
Marckres, Harvey Austin	Pfau, Louis John	Spitzer, Louis Amis
Martin, William Joseph	Priest, Richard Turner	Spring, H'y Mayo Newhall
Marvin, Charles	Purinton, Byron	Steele, Davis
McAfee, Andrew Finley	Purinton, Stephen Lafayette	Staiger, Louis Adolph
McClosky, Thomas	Reeve, Oscar Joel	Stevenson, Richard
McDougall, Giles Eggleston	Reinhart, Jacob Henry	Stone, Thomas Jefferson
McMillan, John Gilmore	Reither, Jacob	Sturges, Mahlon Beach
McMurtry, William Sharpe	Rice, Judson	Tisdale, William De Witt
McNeil, Albert Beebe	Righter, Francis Marion	Tregden, Wiley Huddleston
Menzel, Robert	Robins, Charles Edwin	Tucker, John Henry
Middleton, Joseph Traill	Rowley, Albannus Bellger	Vale, William
Mikel, Sidney Fulton	Rucker, James Toliver	Walthall, Jeter Witt
Montgomery, Thomas S	Rucker, Samuel Newton	Weller, Henry Olp
Moore, Fred Walter	Sargent, James Pattee	Wells, Proctor B
Morey, Harvey Chapin	Schemmel, Henry Leonhard	Wetmore, Alson L
Mortimer, William	Secord, James K	Williams, Edward
Nickerson, Franklin Levi	Sexton, William	Woodrow, William Larkin
Niehans, Edward	Shaw, Joseph Nathan	Wright, Henry Ward—131.
Northern, William Leander		

FAST MASTER:

Lamrock, William Henry—1.

MARK MASTERS:

Emerson, George Randolph

Knowles, Frank Wesley—2.

WITHDRAWN:

Roberts, Return—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Askam, Oliver Perry—1.

EXCLUDED:

Sinclair, Robert B—1.

DIED:

Bennett, George Edmund

Bishop, Samuel Addison—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	133	Withdrawn	1
Exalted.....	3—136.	Susp. for non-paym't of dues	1
		Excluded	1
		Died.....	2
		Now borne upon the roll....	131—136.

CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 15.**Yreka, Siskiyou County.***Stated Meetings, second Tuesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Frederick Elijah Wadsworth, <i>High Priest</i> ,	George Dexter Butler, <i>Pr. Sojourner</i> ,
William Lorenzo Hobbs, <i>King</i> ,	Oliver Orr, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
George Washington Cooper, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Lewis Farrin Coburn, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John Enoch Harmon, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Robert Hewitt De Witt, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Louis Nordheim, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Frederick Martin, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
James Robert Tapscott, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Samuel Pellet, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Daniel Beam,	Alonso Emery Raynes,	Curtis Hooper Pyle,
Abisha Swain,	John Morris Walbridge,	Henry David Robertson,
James Vance,	John William Bird,	Calvin Levi Gregory.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Antenrieth, Fred'k Alex.	Harvey, Abram	Pearsons, Ammer
Beard, John Samuel	Horn, David	Prather, Clarence Morton
Beem, Martin Custer	Jones, John Johnson	Ream, Henry Belden
Bradley, James Walker	Jones, Thomas	Richardson, James Albert
Caldwell, Daniel	Larison, Charles Amos	Rostetter, George
Cochran, Rufus Mycajah	Leland, William Lester	Scheld, Louis Philip
Culver, Alexander Eugene	Little, James Berkley	Schuler, John Martin
Davis, Alphonse G. Wash'n	Long, James Franklin	Schwatka, Andrew Edward
Diggles, Henry Jones	Martin, Brice McClendon	Shade, Reuben Alor
Eddy, Irving Levi	Martin, Milton Ferney	Smith, Clarence Stewart
Eddy, Norton Harvey	McBride, John Franklin	Smith, George
Fabricius, Andrew Jackson	McBride, John W	Spooner, George Cummings
Fitchette, Charles Lee	Newton, Allen	Travelli, Joseph
Gilbert, Thomas Henry	Nichols, Henry	Wadsworth, James Henry
Gillis, Hudson B	Nutting, Charles Wilbur	Walbank, Edward Montague
Grises, Peter Nicholas	Parker, Alexander, Jr.	Weed, Abner
Hansen, Hans	Parrott, Charles Booth	White, Samuel—72.

MOST EMINENT MASTERS:

Collar, Adoniram Judson	Powers, James Marcellus—2.
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PAST MASTER:

Jillson, Charles Brooks—1.

MARK MASTERS:

Bull, John Oslas	Lincoln, Eric Theodore—2.
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WITHDRAWN:

Rice, Joseph—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Davidson, James McDermott—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....74	Withdrawn.....1
	Susp. for non-paym't of dues. 1
	Now borne upon the roll.....72—74.

ST. JAMES CHAPTER, No. 16.**Placerville, El Dorado County.***Stated Meetings, third Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Henry Sylvester Morey, <i>High Priest,</i>	Reuben Kelly Berry, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
George Washington McKee, <i>King,</i>	Charles Fitzgerald Irwin, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
Shelley Inch, <i>Sorte,</i>	Marco Varozza, <i>Master 3d Val,</i>
John William Deuch, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Richard Alderson, Jr., <i>Master 2d Val,</i>
Charles Henry Weatherwax, <i>Secretary,</i>	And'w Thomp'n Oulbertson, <i>Master 1st Val,</i>
Frederick Ferdinand Baras, <i>Capt. of Host,</i>	Charles Caleb Pierce, <i>Chaplain,</i>
James Lambeth Weymouth, <i>Guard.</i>	

Past High Priests:

Frederick Ferdinand Baras,	Andrew Thom'n Oulbertson,	Geo. Hunting'n Burnham,
Charles Fitzgerald Irwin,	Thomas Fraser,	Henry Sylvester Morey.
James Lambeth Weymouth,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Alden, Samuel Jemison	Eaton, John William	McLean, John Marion
Avansino, Nicola	Fisher, John Adolphus	Miller, John Wesley
Barlow, George Washington	Hamel, Henry	Plumado, Francis Hilaire
Blair, John	Hume, James Bunyan	Thelsen, John
Blakeley, Alburn Jackson	Ingham, George Howard	White, Thomas Hibbard
Cello, Carlo Guiseppa	Loveless, Seth	Yeadon, William—35.
Crawford, John Jones	Merrill, Charles Edward	

WITHDRAWN:

Van Voordies, Ralph Josiah—1.

DIED:

Markle, John Alexander—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	37	Withdrawn	1
		Died	1
		Now borne upon the roll	36—37.

LIBANUS CHAPTER, No. 17.**Iowa City, Placer County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next succeeding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

William Green Wolfe, <i>High Priest,</i>	Henry Del Re, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Aquilla Rodona, <i>King,</i>	Willis Fish Gould, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Garrett Booth, <i>Sorte,</i>	Henry Stemple, <i>Master 3d Val,</i>
Edward Mitchell, <i>Treasurer,</i>	John Franklin Yoder, <i>Master 2d Val,</i>
James Weeks Ohinn, <i>Secretary,</i>	Truman Allen Stevens, <i>Master 1st Val,</i>
James Monroe Jacobs, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Chester Hackett, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

William Green Wolfe,

James Jasper Rich.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Barrett, Adams	Develey, Henry K	Lewis, Robert
Bissett, William Nelson	Hobson, John Beaugard	Lord, George William
Christy, William	Jones, William Arthur	McGraw, Dennis Joseph
Coker, Gould Carleton	Juergensen, Peter Nicolai	Smith, William—25.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report25 New borne upon the roll.....25

GRASS VALLEY CHAPTER, No. 18.

Grass Valley, Nevada County.

*Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Thomas John Michell, <i>High Priest,</i>	Frank Aver, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
James Clymo Noel, <i>King,</i>	Paul Wesley Michell, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
John Hicks, Jr., <i>Scribe,</i>	John Harris, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Theodore Henry Wilhelm, <i>Treasurer,</i>	David Edwin Matteson, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
William David Harris, <i>Secretary,</i>	Thomas Ingram, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Wm. Gordon Hudson, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Edward Nuttall, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Edward Coleman, <i>P.G.H.P.,</i>	Wm. Gordon Hudson,	Thomas John Michell.
John Crisp Coleman,	Theodore Henry Wilhelm,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Andrews, James	Granger, Samuel	Pears, Joseph
Angove, John	Griffin, George	Petitjean, Theophilus
Barker, Charles	Haas, Isidor	Polglase, John
Bennallack, James	Harris, Stephen Michael	Poele, William
Berriman, Henry	Hattam, Joseph	Price, Briscoe Hugh
Binkleman, David	Hill, George Washington	Richards, William
Body, Wm.Christopher Dart	Hooper, James	Roland, Louis Jerome
Caddy, Richard	Husom, Andrew	Sanders, John
Clift, William	Johnston, Peter	Saxon, Edward
Coombs, William (1)	Jones, William O	Stein, Isidore
Coombs, William (2)	Kemp, Robert	Stoddard, Alexander
Crocker, John Ross	King, Peter	Stoddard, Orlando
Daniels, Henry	Lawrence, John	Tregidgo, Alf
Davies, David	Long, Stephen	Uphoff, Herman
Dodge, John Lewis	Maddrill, Charles Edward	Vincent, George
Dorsey, Samuel Packwood	Maynard, Stephen	Walker, Thomas Rolla
Douglass, William	Mitchell, Charles Henry	Werry, John
Dunstan, William	Morehouse, Alphonso	Weissbein, Jacob
Elliott, Marcus Lindsey	Moore, Stephen	Weissbein, Joseph
Finnie, Robert Dryden	Noell, Richard	Woodmansee, Charles Scott
Gluyas, James	Noonan, Patrick	—76.

PAST MASTERS:

Angove, Richard Spalding, Henry Silvester—2.

MARK MASTER:

Campbell, William—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Bowman, David De Kalb

Gad, Bernard

Leach, Reuben—8.

DIED:

Deamer, William Elliott

Wilcox, Henry Hume—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....81	Susp. for non-payment of dues.. 3
	Died..... 2
	Now borne upon the roll.....76—81.

TRINITY CHAPTER, No. 19.

Weaverville, Trinity County.

Stated Meetings, second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

John McMurry, *High Priest,*
William Spencer Lowden, *King,*
John William Philbrook, *Scribe,*
Peter M Paulsen, *Treasurer,*
Champion W Smith, *Secretary,*
Detlef Hansen, *Captain of the Host,*

**John Olifson Mason, Principal Sojourner,
James Bowie, Royal Arch Captain,
Betty Essick, Master 3d Val,
Jacob Paulsen, Master 2d Val,
Frederick Zarli, Master 1st Val,
John Henry Bremer, Guard.**

Past High Priests:

**John Clifton Mason,
Wiley James Tinnin, P. G. H. P.,**

James Harvey,

John McMurtry.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Given, James Edgar
Given, William Cushing
Haas, Gottlieb Frederick
Hackett, George J
Hardin, David

**Jackson, Harry Jean
Miller, Thomas Love
Newman, Michael Roush
Raab, Louis Frederick
Rowles, James**

Smith, John Huron
Van Matre, George
Vollmers, William
Whitebread, Adolph—28.

PAST MASTERS:

Chamberlain, Paul Rehondard Shuford, John William—2.

DIED:

Harvey, Alfred--1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....29 Died..... 1
Now borne upon the roll 28--29.

FRANKLIN CHAPTER, No. 20.**Oroville, Butte County.***Stated Meetings, first and third Thursdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Richard White, <i>High Priest,</i>	Warren Sexton, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Erasmus Tucker, <i>King,</i>	William Hubert Dixon, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
Thomas Morgan James, <i>Scribe,</i>	Lewis Elliott Norton, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
John Carleton Gray, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Charles Dennis Dunn, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Henry Chapman Hills, <i>Secretary,</i>	Prince Louis Tople, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
George Jas. Graham, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	John Konstantine Mitchell, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Charles Fayette Lott,	Patrick Ogilby Hundley,	Thomas Boyd Hutchins,
George Henry Crossette,	Milton James Green,	Emanuel Briggs Morgan,
John Carleton Gray,	George James Graham,	Albert Foster Jones,
Warren Sexton,	Samuel Samuel Simon,	Thomas Wilson Serviss.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bigelow, Marcus James	Grubbs, Richard Champion	Powell, David
Biggs, Edward Earnest	Hartson, Charles Gardner	Presley, Allen
Braddock, David Washing'n	Hawkins, Orwin Cullin	Schultz, John Fridrich
Brock, Joseph Herbert	Hendricks, Thomas Pollock	Shaw, George Moore
Brown, William Alexander	Hutchins, John Sullivan	Sheridan, David
Buchanan, Phil. Goodrich	James, William	Simon, Lewis Aaron
Burroughs, Charles	Jones, Peter William	Sjoberg, Anders Gustaf
Butler, Charles Frederick	Kitchen, Isaac Warren	Sparks, Ebenezer Morrison
Ohappell, Wallace H	Ludlum, Thomas Badgley	Sperry, Willard Felton
Dyer, George Washington	McDermott, Wm. Patrick	Sprague, Frederick Adams
Eckart, George Robert	Medanich, George	Stafford, William Henry
Fagan, Edward	Melton, Leander McC.	Stone, Lewis Charles
Featherstone, William	Meredith, John Robert	Taber, Floyd
Fleming, Thomas Robert	Morgan, Jenkin	Waldeyer, Charles
Gale, John	Mould, William	Wickman, George Didrich
Glass, Louis	Myers, Lester Lewellyn	Williams, Jacob
Gooday, Louis	Parker, Balzemon	Willoughby, Nicholas
Grace, Robert Patrick	Pence, Watt Manoah	Woodworth, Homer Allen
Gridley, Charles Edward	Plum, Nathaniel Dunbar	—77.

DIED:

Faulkner, Thomas

Perkins, David King—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....76	Died..... 2
Exalted..... 2	Now borne upon the roll.....77—79.
Affiliated 1—79.	

SIERRA CHAPTER, No. 21.

Downsville, Sierra County.

Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Eliphalet Lewis Case, <i>High Priest</i> ,	—— ———, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Stanley Andrew Smith, <i>King</i> ,	William Ryan, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Frank Rumrill Wehe, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Lemuel Foss, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Henry Haddon Purdy, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	August Christopher Busch, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Thompson Luther, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Aden Denmire, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Adolph Joseph Meroux, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Valentine Hartling, <i>Guard</i> .

Fast High Priests:

William Thompson Luther, <i>P. G. H. P.</i> ,	Eliphalet Lewis Case.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Aird, Alexander Fisher	Goodwin, James Willis	Stewart, Samuel Curtis
Akers, Charles Duval	Hanley, William Franz	St. Pierre, John
Berry, James Edwin	Martin, George O	Thompson, David Edward
Bradbury, John T	McQuesten, Charles Oliver	Wayland, William Allen
Crooks, James Brown	Pilond, Edouard	West, John Thorrensues
Edmonds, Thomas	Roussan, Charles Adrian	Whitney, David Livingstone
Ford, Tiley Lafayette	Spaulding, Henry	Williams, Thomas—32.

WITHDRAWN:

McGregor, James	Pauly, Benjamin—2.
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SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Blohm, John August	McNaughton, Donald	Thomas, Benjamin—4.
Clute, John Howard		

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....38	Withdrawn.....2
	Susp. for non-payment of dues....4
	Now borne upon the roll.....32—38.

PETALUMA CHAPTER, No. 22.

Petaluma, Sonoma County.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Marcus Dyatheka Goshen, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Herman Albert Heineken, <i>Pr. Sojourner</i> ,
William Roe Veale, <i>King</i> ,	William Wilder, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
John Cavanagh, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Robert Henry Brown, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
James Lockridge Dinwiddie, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Achille Kahn, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Platt Benedict Gilbert, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Frank Arlington Cromwell, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Clarence Ellsworth Reed, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	James Singley, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

James Singley, John Cavanagh, Lyman O Byce,
 Benj. Franklin Tuttle, *P.G.H.P.*, Levi Hartsell Patty, George Perkins Baxter,
 Marcus Dyatheka Goshen, Isaac Sam'l Crawford, Frank Arlington Cromwell.
 William Barnabas Haskell,

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Baur, John	Fairbanks, Dolph Brice	Mitchener, Jonathan
Berri, Vittori	Fairbanks, Hiram Tolbert	Ormsby, John Harper
Bihler, William	Fairbanks, Joseph Frank	Pedrazzini, Louis
Bonetti, Lucca	Falkner, Miles Henry	Poehlmann, Conrad
Bowles, Joseph Martin	Grandi, Salvatore	Roseburgh, Allen
Brainerd, Henry Paine	Hasbrouck, Hiram Brown	Sartori, Ignazio
Burdell, James Blask	Haubrich, Leonard	Schroyer, Aaron
Button, Isaac Vaile	Hill, William	Taft, Hiram Lafayette
Chopard, Louis	Jacobs, Thomas Roberts	Tomasini, Deodato Giacinto
Codoni, Giuseppe Abbondio	Kuhnle, Fred	Tomasini, Louis
Collins, Franklin Miller	Lauck, Joseph Benjamin	Tomasini, Mateo
Darden, William Henry	Lewis, John Bacon	Wallace, Robert G
Denman, Ezekiel	Lippitt, Edward Spalding	White, Josiah Howe
Denman, Frank Hardenb'gh	McGrew, Samuel	Zartman, William
Dixheimer, John	Merritt, John	Zook, Francis Kurtz—64.
Dreyfuss, Edward		

WITHDRAWN:

Van Doren, John Suydam—1.

EXCLUDED:

McDonald, Gilbert Temple, Conrad Weyhe, Paul Charles—3.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report...	.....68	Withdrawn.....	1
		Excluded.....	3
		Now borne upon the roll.....	64—68.

LA FAYETTE CHAPTER, No. 24.

Camptonville, Yuba County.

Stated Meetings, first Saturday after Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

William Bull Meek, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Charles O'Hara, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
William Alexander Meek, <i>King</i> ,	Richard Baker, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Eugene Beauharnais Covey, <i>Scio de</i> ,	John Rufus Kennedy, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
James Arnett, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	James Nelson, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
———, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Charles McLellan, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
———, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Peter Russell, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priest:

William Bull Meek.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Farley, George Sidney	Phillips, Thomas	Spencer, Stephen—15.
McPhee, Douglas Alex.	Smith, Henry	

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	15	Now borne upon the roll.....	15.
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GEORGETOWN CHAPTER, No. 25.

Georgetown, El Dorado County.

Stated Meetings, Saturday next succeeding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Ellison Lassell Crawford, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William Simpson Hickman, <i>P. Sojourner</i> ,
George Beattie, <i>King</i> ,	James Francis Walk, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Charles Hilton Langley, <i>Scribe</i> ,	William George Beattie, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
———, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	John Loron House, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Benjamin Johnson Dains, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Benj. Franklin Shepherd, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Oliver Oscar Scripture, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	Tinsley Burton Epps, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

William Roush,	James Moon,	Ellison Lassell Crawford, <i>D.G.H.P.</i>
John Dodd Skinner,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Armstrong, Thomas Z	Corrigall, John William	Pedrini, Cipriano
Bassi, Glosni	Fleishman, Jacob	Pedrini, Massimino
Bayley, Alexander Alonzo	Fillipini, Rinaldo	Robson, Benjamin Franklin
Benjamin, De Witt Clinton	Lagerson, Frederick	Simpers, George Washington
		—26.

DIED:

Dunahoo, William Washington	Warren, Harvey Elias—2.
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RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....26	Died.....2
Exalted.....1	Now borne upon the roll.....26—28.
Affiliated.....1—28.	

DELTA CHAPTER, No. 27.

Auburn, Placer County.

Stated Meetings, first Monday succeeding Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

John Gould Bisbee, <i>High Priest</i> ,	George Wallace Applegate, <i>Pr. Sojourner</i> ,
William Bransen Lardner, <i>King</i> ,	Robert William Roberts, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Gera Bretton Predmore, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Benjamin Dulaney Dunnam, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Charles John Hellwig, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Frederick Peter Grohs, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
David Wlademer Lubeck, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Thomas Stevenson, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Rob't Fleming Rooney, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Christoph Henry Hoppert, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Charles John Hellwig,	John Gould Bisbee,	John Mathias Fulweiler.
John Thompson Kinkade,	Robert Fleming Rooney,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Barter, William	Gladding, Albert James	Miner, John Macklin
Birdsall, Fred Wheeler	Haenny, John	Mullen, William Henry
Colburn, Frank Ellsworth	Harper, Thomas Burel	Phillips, James Penrarya M.
Connor, John Michael	Hughes, David Griffith	Rusing, Edward S
Cowan, Gordon Robinson	Martin, Charles	Taylor, Hosea
Curtis, Henry Chittenden	McAnnich, John	Todd, Thomas Milton
Delano, Ira Lemuel	Mears, Josiah	Whittemore, Adrian Story

—35.

WITHDRAWN:

Baughman, John Elias William Hollenbeck, Orrin Whitcomb—2.

DIED:

Borland, James—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....34	Withdrawn	2
Affiliated..... 4—38.	Died.....	1
	New borne upon the roll....	35—38.

STOCKTON CHAPTER, No. 28.

Stockton, San Joaquin County.

Stated Meetings, fourth Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

William Henry Stone, <i>High Priest,</i>	Eugene Lehe, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Orrin Staples Henderson, <i>King,</i>	George Elbert Oatts, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
Durrell Oliver Oastle, <i>Scribe,</i>	Joseph Henry Swain, <i>Master 3d Val,</i>
Edward Richards Hedges, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Harry Nichols Baggs, <i>Master 2d Val,</i>
George Alexander McKenzie, <i>Secretary,</i>	Benjamin Eadie Kerr, <i>Master 1st Val,</i>
John Yardley, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Charles Edward Howe, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Gilbert Burnett Claiborne,	George Alex. McKenzie,	Henry Ephriam Robbins,
Edward Richards Hedges,	Isaac Lothrop,	Arthur Morgan Noble,
Alexander Chalmers,	Doran Lucius Campbell,	Eugene Lehe.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Ashley, George Henry	Buell, Park Abbingtion	Ootterell, William
Bachmann, Carl August	Bulson, Herman Rice	Culver, Gilbert Caleb
Barber, Joseph Martin	Cain, John	Cunningham, Thomas
Beckman, Henry	Castle, Christ'r Champlin	Ditz, George, Jr.
Beede, Wm. Morris Stewart	Calvin, James	Earle, Richard Thomas
Bennett, Paul Witherly	Cavis, Joseph William	Eldridge, Edward Duane
Bergman, Francis Gus. A.H.	Oonfer, Solomon Lytle	Folsom, Gilbert N
Bonney, Charles Sumner	Corson, Charles Hartwell	Fraser, Philip Barry
Briggs, Sebra	Cross, Samuel Nelson	Friedberger, Arnold
Brown, Philip Thomas	Cobb, Frank Dyckman	Frost, Haller Coventry

Fyfe, Joseph	Mays, William Henry	Rowland, John Morgan
Garwood, John	McGuffick, William	Russell, Richard William
Gersbacher, Joshua Barre	McKinnon, Angus	Sanguinetta, Domenico
Graham, William	McPherson, Joseph Kennon	Shaw, Henry Coffin
Harrison, Norval	Milco, Nicola	Shurtleff, George Augustus
Harrison, William Bruce	Misener, Norman Sumner	Smith, James Webb
Harrold, Nathaniel Siggons	Morris, Osias Manly	Smith, Wellington Treat
Henderson, Milton Pierce	O'Brien, John Henry	Snow, William
Henery, Samuel	Orr, Nelson Mills	Sperry, George Barker
Hickox, Flavil Gaylord	Perkins, Charles Edwin	Stewart, John Daniels
Hurd, Columbus	Peters, Joseph D	Swain, Cornelius
Jory, John	Phelps, Joseph Larose	Taylor, Charles Edwin
Keyes, Henry Calcutt	Prugh, Winfield Webster	Thompson, John William
Keyes, William Henry	Rhodes, Charles Wise	Tindall, Pleasant Hay
Lane, Frank Ellis	Rhodes, Wm. H. Harrison	Todd, Francis Walton
Langford, Benj. Franklin	Robertson, Peter Sterling	Waterman, Solomon
Latta, Samuel Elkenbary	Robinson, Isaac Henry	West, Frederick Macondray
Leitch, Archibald	Rogers, William Dice	Woods, John Newton
Little, William Jackson	Rolerson, Benjamin Franklin	Woods, Samuel Mosely

—105.

MARK MASTER:

Buchanan, Charles Joseph—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Fanning, Howard Malcomb Joekers, David Langridge, Geo. Washington—3.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Craig, Howard Mills—1.

DIED:

La Rue, John Milton—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report....	107	Withdrawn.....	3
Exalted	3—110.	Susp. for non-payment of dues...	1
		Died	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	105—110.

MANZANITA CHAPTER, No. 29.

North San Juan, Nevada County.

*Stated Meetings, Saturday after Full Moon in each Month.***OFFICERS:**

John Storer McBride, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William Dunning, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Frederick William Bank, <i>King</i> ,	John Quick, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Albert James Wood, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Ashley Smith Bigelow, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John German, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Richard Thomas, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Patrick Henry Butler, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Charles Scheuerman, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
John Trood, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Joseph Gordon Dickson, <i>Guard</i> .

Fast High Priests :

John Ambrose Seely,

John Storer McBride.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Allison, Peter	Harris, Thomas	McMurray, Robert
Atwater, Henry	Harris, Thomas Voel	Osborn, Thomas Israel
Bell, Francis Hiram	Helwig, John Henry	Quick, Paul
Billing, John	Henderson, Duncan	Redington, James
Bristow, William	Huff, William	Rogers, Joseph D
Buhring, Harry Herman	James, William David	Rogers, William James
Clymo, Francis	Jepsen, Christian Otto	Rossen, Rasmus Peterson
Cull, Henry	Jones, John Richard	Stone, John
Cunard, James Henry	Lancaster, Charles Edward	Trood, William
Fuller, Henry Bailey	Llewellyn, Daniel	Wood, Frank Merton
Gilbert, Josiah Stevens	McIntire, James Lamberton	Westerfield, William Jackson

—46.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report..... 46. Now borne upon the roll..... 46.

NAPA CHAPTER, No. 30.

Napa, Napa County.

*Stated Meetings, second and fourth Mondays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Frederick N Giles, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William Gwynn, Jr., <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Ell Washington Hottel, <i>King</i> ,	Benj. Sydney Wilkins, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Nelson Marble, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Daniel Sterling Kyser, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Henry Hay Knapp, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Henry Louis Amstutz, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
James Buchanan Gardner, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Morrow Henry Davis, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
George Wm. Strohl, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Amos Smith Knapp, <i>Guard</i> .

Fast High Priests:

Henry Hay Knapp, <i>P.G.H.P.</i> ,	Charles Ray Gritman,	Albert Moore Knapp.
William Bradford,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bustelli, Gottardo	Hoadley, Horace James	Morford, Nathan Albert
Crow, Max J	Holden, Samuel Emery	Newcomb, Bethel Merritt
Elles, Theodore	Horstmeyer, Henry Conrad	Robinson, Joseph Lilburn
Epley, Thomas Henry	Johnston, Finis Ewing	Shurtleff, Benjamin
Fisher, William Frederick	Manasse, Emanuel	Starkweather, Charles Henry
Gardner, Alden Monroe	Mason, James	Sterling, Robert Henry
Goodman, Geo. Edmund, Jr.	McCollum, William John	Stevens, James Baunty
Grossman, Adolphus Her'n	Mecklenberg, Joseph	Swift, John Jackson
Haas, David Leopold	Miller, Francis Ashbury	Zollner, John Ferdinand—43.
Hawks, John		

DIED:

Crouch, Robert—1.

RECAPITULATION:On roll per last report.....43. Died 1
Exalted 1—44. Now borne upon the roll.....43—44.

MARTINEZ CHAPTER, No. 31.**Martinez, Contra Costa County.***Stated Meetings, Monday of or preceding Full Moon in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Lewis Cass Wittenmyer, <i>High Priest,</i>	William Sewell Wells, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
William John Douglas, <i>King,</i>	William Henry Buckley, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
Simon Blum, <i>Scribe,</i>	Albert Edmund Blum, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Isidor Weiss, <i>Treasurer,</i>	John W Guy, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
George Atwood Sherman, <i>Secretary,</i>	Max Blum, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Chas. Samuel Cousins, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	———, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Lewis Cass Wittenmyer,	William John Douglas.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Alexander, Geo. Edmund	Evans, Hugh	Rhoads, John Charles
Aitken, James	Fernandez, Bernardo	Ridgway, Frazier
Baldwin, Barry	Gamble, James	Sanford, Farmer
Blum, Gabriel	Griffin, Thomas	Swihart, George
Borach, Bernard	Hinman, Justus Michael	Taggart, Harry Wallace
Boyd, John Wheaton	Jones, Joseph Philip	Terrill, George Willard
Brown, Samuel	Lucas, John Goncoloes	Turner, Benjamin Coffin
Burpee, Winfield Scott	McCarger, Philander	Wagner, Theodore Fred O
Bush, George T	Menefee, Orville Irwin	Wagy, Elmer D
Cattlett, Theodore Scott	Pollock, Alexander Fletcher	Walker, James Tormay
Chase, Eli Robbins	Parkinson, Manuel Casada	Wiley, George Adrian
Duffee, William Joseph	Rankin, James	Williams, Isaac—48.
Edwards, Hugh Pugh		

MOST EMINENT MASTERS:

Beede, Paul	Biggs, Walter Hicks—2.
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DIED:

Gray, James—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	49.	Died	1
		Now borne upon the roll	48—49.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER, No. 33.**Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.***Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Edward Anthony Preuss, <i>High Priest,</i>	Abraham Wolf Edelman, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
William Henry Riggs, <i>King,</i>	Moritz Morris, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Thomas Strohm, <i>Scribe,</i>	Samuel Prager, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Carl Frederick August Last, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Simon Cahen, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
William Francis Griggs, <i>Secretary,</i>	John Eugene Jackson, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Max Wassman, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	———, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Abraham Wolf Edelman, George Frederick McLellan, John Goldsworthy,
 Samuel Prager, Ansel Melen Bragg, Carl Frederick August Last,
 James Seth Crawford,

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adams, Joseph Franklin	Glass, John Malcolm	Morris, John Wood
Baruch, Berthold	Gross, Frederick	Philbin, John Andrew
Baruch, Jacob	Grymes, George Anderson	Purvis, John Robert
Brown, James	Hewett, Eldridge Edward	Rowan, Thomas Edwin
Buffum, William Mansfield	Ilich, Jerry	Ryan, William Andrew
Burckell, Leon	Lawrence, John	Shaw, Thomas William
Burns, James Frank	Levy, Eli Julius	Smith, Charles Edgar
Cohn, Benjamin	Levy, Michael	Solomon, Heyman
Ducasse, Peter Leon	Loew, Jacob	Strassburger, Nathan
Ducommon, Charles Louis	Long, Jeremiah	Teel, Charles Adelbert
Eckert, Robert	Mahoney, John James	Weldon, Arthur
Ens, Charles Augustus	McFarland, Walter	Wellman, Fallis Kenton
Eyraud, Emanuel	Meyburg, Moritz	Weston, Benjamin S—56.
George, Ambrose Franklin	Meyer, Samuel	

WITHDRAWN:

Chandler, Birdette	Hinds, George	Scheerer, Conrad
Hampel, William Augustus	Jeffries, William Thomas	Willard, Cyrus—6.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Ballade, Pascual	Cuddy, Thomas James	Marsh, Frank—3.
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EXCLUDED:

McGregor, Robert Evan	Platt, Charles Decatur	Wickerham, Isaac—4.
Neitzke, Earnest		

DIED:

Brown, Thomas Bruen—1.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report	66	Withdrawn	6
Exalted	3	Susp. for non-payment of dues....	3
Affiliated	1—70.	Excluded.....	4
		Died.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.	56—70.

ALTURAS CHAPTER, No. 34.

Quincy, Plumas County.

Stated Meetings, Friday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

_____, <i>High Priest,</i>	Arthur Walter Keddle, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
James Henry Whitlock, <i>King,</i>	_____, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
_____, <i>Scribe,</i>	Asher Cohn, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
William Thomas Byers, <i>Treasurer,</i>	_____, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Joshua Hutchins Variel, <i>Secretary,</i>	_____, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
_____, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Samuel Taylor, <i>Guard,</i>

Past High Priests:

Benjamin Wilcox Barnes,	Joshua Hutchins Variel,	John Daniel Goodwin.
Thomas Alonzo McFarland,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Dwinelle, Aaron Alonzo	Mitchell, John Ephraim	Parsons, Edward Ira
Hendel, Charles William	Meylert, Gordon W.	Thomas, John Hiram
Meikle, William	Nevil, John	Thorp, Joseph Henry—18.

EXCLUDED:

Lee, Thomas Corydon—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....19	Excluded..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll.....18—19.

NAVAL CHAPTER, No. 35.

Vallejo, Solano County.

Stated Meetings, second Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Sylvester Warford, <i>High Priest,</i>	John Wilton Winton, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
John Henry Sallor, <i>King,</i>	Otto Johnson, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Roland Jackson McDaniel, <i>Scribe,</i>	James Roney, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
John Brownlie, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Charles Ashwell, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Charles Daly, <i>Secretary,</i>	Fred'k Augustus Small, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
George Rounds, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Henry Bruce, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Jno. Mills Browne, <i>P. G. H. P.,</i>	Christian Theo. B. Hallin,	Henry Daniel Lazelle,
Osgood Hilton,	George Rounds,	David Forney Beveridge,
Charles Daly,	Joseph Bullock Coghlan,	Patrick Haley,
James Roney,	Walter Duncan Anderson,	John Wilton Winton.
Roland Jackson McDaniel,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Aden, Melchert Remmers	Frey, John	Perkins, Con Marrast
Aden, Remmer Joh'n Rem's	Gendreau, Charles Anthony	Plaisted, George Pomeroy
Andrews, William	Good, Harry Carlton	Powell, Abraham
Bassford, Fordham Clay	Hall, George Henry	Rae, James
Bergwall, Gustaf Adolph	Harrier, Daniel Webster	Robinson, Jno. Buckingham
Bertoscky, Alex. Bertsch	Harrier, Louis Garibaldi	Russell, William Abbott
Butler, Ira Mortimer	Hawthorne, Charles Ralph	Rutherford, David
Butler, Orrin Hartwell	Henderson, Orrington Lunt	Savage, Thomas
Clarke, William Henry	Kemper, Melchior	Shillingsburg, William
Drake, Frank	Lister, Benjamin	Thompson, John
Duncan, John Kennedy	McLees, Edmond	Titcomb, John Locke
Farley, Dallas Jones	McPike, Andrew Jackson	Topley, James
Farnham, John	Much, George Washington	Voorhies, Albert Parsons
Fassett, Thomas Odeon	Mugridge, Charles Franklin	Wall, Charles John
Faust, John	Nagle, Richard Wellington	Webster, Henry John
Ferrier, Francis	O'Hara, John Henry	Williamson, John Marshall
Ford, John Harris	Passallaqua, Bennaditto	Wilson, George Wilkins
Ford, Harry Clay	Peck, George	Wright, Martin Jeremiah

WITHDRAWN:

Hilborn, Samuel Greeley Moore, Andrew Moses Sides, George Elvin—3.

DIED:

Bond, Jonathan Myers, Mattison—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....79. Withdrawn..... 3
 Died 2
 Now borne upon the roll.....74—79.

OAKLAND CHAPTER, No. 36.

Oakland, Alameda County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Francis Henry E. O'Donnell, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Thomas Irving Miller, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
George Henry Smith, <i>King</i> ,	Damien E Fortin, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Robert Edgar, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Herbert Ellis Jones, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Frank Howard Brooks, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Archie Fullerton Kerr, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
John William McClymonds, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Louis Stanwood Stone, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Wm. Hy. Searls Owens, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Charles Edwin Gillett, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Benjamin Akerly,	Samuel Thorburn Black,	Webb Nicholson Pearce,
Nathan W. Spaulding, <i>P. G. H. P.</i> ,	Amasa Wright Bishop,	Edw'd Harrison Morgan,
Walter Laidlaw,	John Wm. McClymonds,	Alvah Kittredge Clark,
Frank Worthy Oushing,	William Frank Pierce,	Joseph Fountain Chandler,
Frank Howard Brooks,	Charles Nelson Fox,	Frederick Low Krause.
Charles Edwin Gillette,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Abel, John Jacob	Breed, Arthur Hastings	Cramer, Adolph Ed. Henry
Allardt, George Frederick	Brown, Lewis Henry	Crellin, John
Ames, Joseph Parker	Burnham, Charles Franklin	Crowley, Dennis David
Antisell, Thomas Murphy	Burrell, Alfred William	Cumming, William George
Archibald, Francis Albert	Buzzo, Benjamin Haywood	Cunningham, Parlan R
Austin, James Davis	Campbell, Alexander	Cushing, John
Baker, Alfred Septimus	Campbell, Fred'k McLean	Dalton, Henry Philip
Ball, Ambrose Everett	Camron, William Walker	Davis, Dwight Lucian
Banks, Charles Wells	Chappellet, Felix	Davis, William Rude
Bartlett, Pliny	Chittenden, Henry Hatfield	Deaner, Hiram Franklin
Beeby, Robert John	Clift, Frederick Charles	Degan, Ludolph Philip
Belden, Henry Keney	Collins, David Edward	De Golla, George Ellis
Bette, William Michael	Concanon, William Norton	Delger, Edward Frederick
Bice, John	Cordes, Paul Henry	Delger, Frederick
Blethen, Albion Keith Paris	Cormeny, Eugene	Dingee, William Jackson
Blood, William Frank	Oox, George Washington	Dobbins, Hugh Hollis
Bones, Samuel West	Craft, Richard Carson	Dodge, Ezekiel Goddard
Brabban, Dixon	Craib, William	Du Bois, Sumner Victor
Bradley, John Tilford	Craig, Homer Alexander	Dusbar, Sylvanus Gilman S.
Bragdon, Edmund, Jr.,	Craig, William Henry	Dynes, William Henry

Eadon, Moses	Loring, George York	Reichling, Louis Frank
Edgar, William James	Magill, Arthur Edward	Reinstadler, François
Ellis, William	Marr, Archibald Campbell	Roach, James Vincent
Ely, Ralph Asahel	Mau, Charles Frederick	Robinson, Edward Constant
Emery, Joseph Stickney	Mauzy, Byron	Rodolph, Frank Bequette
Evers, Joseph Henry	McClain, Joseph	Russell, Thomas Bartlett
Everson, Wallace	McComb, Edmund	Rutherford, Charles Board'n
Ferguson, Henry James	McGuire, Jesse Milton	Samson, Martin Meyer
French, Robert Elsworth	Meade, Calvert	Schuller, Antonius
Frick, George William	Merritt, Albert Humphrey	Seaton, Horace Scott
Gifford, William M	Merritt, James Bestor	Shaffer, Louis
Gilpin, Zachery Taylor	Metcalf, George Dickson	Shattuck, Francis Kittredge
Glasscock, John Raglan	Miller, James	Sherman, Edwin Allen
Glenn, Alexander Glenn	Miller, Robert Willis	Shorey, Albert
Gilnes, Herbert Atherton	Miller, William Henry	Siegfried, John Christian
Goodman, George	Miller, William Noble	Skinner, Isaac Ash
Greenhood, Jacob	Monnet, Louis	Slaven, John Thompson
Gray, Roscoe Spaulding	Moore, Albert Alphonzo	Smile, Robert
Gunn, Adam Francis	Mould, Richard Inkerman	Smith, Henry Sydney
Hale, William Elmer	Morris, Moses	Smith, William Clay
Hamilton, William Thomas	Mueller, Herman Emanuel	Stewart, Robert
Handy, Brayton Everington	Munson, Arthur King	Stephenson, John Calvin
Handy, Lucian Harvey	Nelson, James Wesley	Stoddart, Fred'k Peterson
Haven, Charles Dwight	Newsom, John J	Stone, Franklin Byron
Hayes, Daniel Edward	Nichols, Ralph Kenniston	Taft, Henry Clay
Henley, James Brainard	Nordhausen, Ernest Albert	Taggard, Grantham Israel
Herbert, Henry Vandeverer	Norris, Francis Marion	Taylor, Albert Miles
Heron, Ernst Alvah	Osgood, Ernest J	Taylor, Charles Benjamin
Horsey, Edgar Amos	Ott, August Lewis	Templeton, James
Hewes, Charles Leslie	Palmer, Chas. Theo. Hart	Thomson, Arthur Dalliba
Hewes, Charles Wesley	Palmer, Henry Austin	Todd, James Hamilton
Hill, William Henry	Pardee, Enoch Homer	Tubbs, Hiram
Horton, George Wallace	Parrish, William Henry	Twombly, Charles Henry
Hume, Joseph	Patterson, A. L. Crandall	Upham, Isaac
Hyde, Marcus Darius	Patterson, George	Veitch, William Thomas
Ingersoll, William Bowker	Payne, Frank Howard	Von Hirsch, Sementi Julius
Johnson, Ellis Crowell	Perkins, George Clement	Wadsworth, Henry
Kendall, Alpheus	Phillips, John Waterman	Walsh, Edward Marion
Kerr, Louis Carmick	Pierce, Charles Dexter	Walton, Jesse
Kercheval, John Hereford	Pinkerton, Thomas Hamil	Watson, William Callaghan
Knight, Frederick Wales	Plunkett, James California	Weilbye, Julius Lars
Koser, Newton Alexander	Powell, Howell Aubrey	Weilbye, William Hansen
Lamoureux, Philias Henry	Price, William Clay	Westover, Clinton
Lancaster, Joseph	Prouse, Charles	Williams, John
Leckie, Robert Stevenson	Randall, Charles Wells	Wilson, James B
Lee, John	Rasmussen, Hans	Wilson, John Charles
Lentell, James	Raymond, Charles Seward	Wilson, William
Lightner, Henry P	Redding, Albert Putnam	Wines, Charles Latham
Littler, Oliver Wilson	Reckard, Chas. Lockwood	Winchester, Ebenezer
Long, Charles Stewart	Redington, Charles Henry	Zabel, Julius—237.
Lord, Charles Reuben	Reichling, Francis	

MARK MASTER:

Wilkinson, Edward Merrill—1.

RESTORED:

Miller, William Noble—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Collier, John Henry—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Chamberlain, C Sylvester	Krytser, Charles John	Momyer, Henry E
Gardiner, James Todd	Kutz, George Fitzgerald	Southard, William Freeman
Henninger, Frederick		—7.

EXCLUDED:

Ayers, William Harrison	Gottshall, Louis	Logan, Oliver Cunningham—3.
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DIED:

Brooks, Charles, Sr.	Marsellus, Edwin P	Whitney, Geo. Edwin—4.
Elliot, Washington		

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	241	Withdrawn	1
Exalted	7	Susp. for non-payment of dues...	7
Affiliated	3	Excluded	3
Restored	1—252.	Died	4
		Now borne upon the roll	237—252.

SILOAM CHAPTER, No. 37.

Colfax, Placer County.

*Stated Meetings, second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

James Barrows Hayford, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Brigham Bliss McKenzie, <i>Pr. Sojourner</i> ,
James Beede Knapp, <i>King</i> ,	Seland Cadjew, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Albert Halliday Smith, <i>Scribe</i> ,	John Ezra McOornock, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Henry Disque, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	John Clendening, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Morris Lobner, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Alex. Edwin Erskine, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
John Butler, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	William Swift Makins, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Jacob Hart Neff, <i>P. G. H. P.</i> ,	Morris Lobner,	John Butler.
Joseph Spencer Quire,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Baker, William Mandeville	Heuser, George Henry	Nichols, Thomas Jefferson
Cahill, Thomas	Ingersoll, Darius	Perkins, William Stickney
Cloudman, Octavius King	Johnson, Gustavus Adolphus	Rabe, August Louis
Coffin, Isaac Tibbitts	King, Thornton	Robie, Ira Allen
Davis, Abraham	Knapp, John Corliss	Rogers, Joseph
Dysart, John	Lakamp, John Henry	Swensson, Samuel Edward
Ellis, Henry	Lohman, Peter	Taylor, Henry Wilson
Hayford, William Barrows	Martin, Henry Vassal	Tolman, Rufus Jenkins—38.

MARK MASTER:

Hudepohl, Herman Henry—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Schmidt, George Wilhelm—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Maginn, Patrick Henry

Voss, Louis—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....34	Withdrawn..... 1
Exalted..... 6	Susp. for non-payment of dues..... 2
Affiliated..... 1—41.	Now borne upon the roll.....38—41.

SANTA CRUZ CHAPTER, No. 38.

Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County.

*Stated Meetings, second and fourth Wednesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Thompson Wilson Drullard, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Peter Richmond Hinds, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Benjamin Anthony Plant, <i>King</i> ,	Oathers Drummond Folsom, <i>R. A. Capt.</i> ,
Edward Swift West, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Arthur Still, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Samuel Arnold Bartlett, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Robert James Baxter, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Henry Bias, <i>Secretary</i> ,	John Clinton Basey, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Bernard Wise, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Antone Cristofanini, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Peter Richmond Hinds,	William W Gamble,	Thompson Wilson Drullard.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adams, Edward Francis	Ely, Frank William	Mathews, Theodore Vinton
Chace, John Rufus	Ely, William	Menefee, Frank George
Chamberlain, Philander	Fagan, Pierce Bye	Porter, William Ray
Cohn, Aron	Fast, John Henry Adolph	Rueff, Gust's Adol. Karl The.
Coope, John Frederick	Fitch, Edwin	Russell, William
Coult, John Howard	Gilchrist, Adam	Staffier, George
Daubenbiss, John	Haslam, William Douglass	Sullivan, John Thomas
Dutton, James Lewis	Kron, Henry Frederick	Thompson, Richard
Dutton, James Marshall	Lincoln, Charles Henry	Wiley, Henry
Effey, Robert	Lorenzen, Lawrence	Williams, Edward Lawrence

—43.

PAST MASTERS:

Middleton, Henry Louis	Middleton, William Fackler	Schwartz, Joseph—8.
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MARK MASTER:

Middleton, Edward August—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Bilicke, Albert Clay—1.

DIED:

Schwartz, Louis—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....45.	Withdrawn..... 1
	Died..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll.....43—45.

DONNER CHAPTER, No. 39.**Truckee, Nevada County.***Stated Meetings, first and third Mondays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

William Rufus Spalding, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Joseph Dearborn Hilton, <i>Pr. Sojourner</i> ,
Daniel McPhetres, <i>King</i> ,	Walter Marion Burekhalter, <i>R. A. Capt.</i> ,
Frank Tancred Meloche, <i>Scribe</i> ,	George Schaffer, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John Fairfield Moody, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William Ferdinand Wilkie, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Irving Francis Harvey, <i>Secretary</i> ,	George Washington Giffin, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Samuel Parker, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	William Henry Hill, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Charles Fayette McGlashan, William Harrison Prouty, William Ferdinand Wilkie.
Joseph Marzen, Jr.,

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adolph, Julius	Hilton, George William	Peters, Medcalf Lorenzo
Angus, George	Hutchinson, John Thomas	Richardson, Geo. Washing'n
Bachelder, Jesse Howard	Joesink, Bernardus Hendr's	Richardson, Warren
Bernardi, Julius De	Lewis, Jacob Lewis	Sherriff, Henry
Carlson, John August	Luxenberger, Michael	Silva, Manuel
Champion, Francis	Mayer, Pius	Steen, Nathaniel
Crawford, William George	McDonald, John Joseph	Trewick, Archibald
Dunn, Henry George	Micander, John	Whitney, Thomas Byron
Dunster, George William	Millberg, George Skiffenton	Wood, George
Graham, Andrew Jackson	Ohland, Fredrich	Young, Lamertine Wilson
Gowling, Joseph	Pendleton, John William	Young, Samuel Alexander

—48.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report48. Now borne upon the roll48.

RED BLUFF CHAPTER, No. 40.**Red Bluff, Tehama County.***Stated Meetings, first and third Saturdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Elias Delevan Gardner, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Robert Hurd Blossom, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
John F. Ellison, <i>King</i> ,	Henry Charles Richart, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Nathaniel Ioah Boone, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Sylvanus Everett Murphy, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
William Brower Cahoon, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Henry Erasmus Bidwell, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Pelham Howard Coffman, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Ancil Lycurgus Brown, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Sidney Allen Griggs, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Samuel Lewis, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

John Clements, Nathaniel Merrill, Elias Delevan Gardner.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Alexander, Charles Graham	Fish, Charles Erskine	Poulet, Eduard
Ballard, Curtis Durkee	Gedney, David Wetmore	Puls, George
Barham, James Lewis	Healey, Lucien Bonaparte	Radcliff, Osmond
Bierce, Roderick Henry	Houghton, Francis	Rawson, Hiram Allen
Boole, Frank Arthur	Houseman, Robt. Porter d'd	Ryan, Pierce
Brattan, John Michael	Howell, Thomas Francis	Schroeder, Aug. G. Barnhart
Brown, Augustus Frank	Howell, Thomas Newton	Schoenfeld, Solomon David
Cameron, James Strong	Jelly, Frank Lee	Schubert, Eugene Washing'n
Campbell, Charles Abijah	Johnson, John Meyer	Skedd, William Richard
Campbell, Remembrance H.	Kimball, Gorham Gates	Stout, George Homer
Champlin, George	Matthews, Francis Thomas	Swain, Theodore Slevin
Culverwell, Richard Steven	Mayhew, Horace Allen	Tompson, Joseph Moore
DeHaven, Jos. Lapaley G'd	McCoy, Leo Lewis	Vestal, George Wems
Duhig, Louis James	Montgomery, Will Thomas	Ward, Ephraim Harlow
Eddy, William	Morgan, George Edwin	West, John M
Elmore, Robert Hoyle	Nethercott, Robert	Wiendieck, Herman Henry
Enwicht, George	Olmstead, Myron	Willard, George Ketttridge
Epperson, Jacob Haney	Parent, Charles Edwin	Winsel, Eli Achum—70.
Finnell, Simpson	Peden, Albert Oliver	

WITHDRAWN:

Fowle, Cyrus Daniel—1.

EXCLUDED:

Champlin, Lester Schoenfeld, Jeremiah—2.

DIED:

McKeller, Archibald D Ryan, Thomas R—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....72	Withdrawn..... 1
Exalted 3—75.	Excluded..... 2
	Died..... 2
	Now borne upon the roll.....70—75.

TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 41.

Watsonville, Santa Cruz County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

James Waters, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William George Hudson, <i>Pr. Sojourner</i> ,
James Ingham, <i>King</i> ,	Eugene Charles Shaver, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Hans Peter Brassel, <i>Scribe</i> ,	George Arthur Trafton, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John Edmund Trafton, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William Arthur Trafton, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
John Herbert McEwen, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Michael Gagnon, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Bela Sargent Andrews, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Henry Edgar West, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

James Martin Rogers,	William George Hudson,	John Nelson Bense.
James Waters,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Aldrich, David Metcalf	Lewis, Alexander	Porter, Warren Reynolds
Austin, Frederick	Linscott, James Austin	Rodgers, William Donelson
Bixby, Aaron William	Mauk, Franklin Edwin	Rea, James William
Chalmers, Alex. Barker	Moffat, Thomas	Rea, Samuel
Clark, Edgar Lewis	Morris, Moses	Seitz, George
Fowler, Charles	Mynatt, Elvin Farren	Sill, George Wellington
Hursh, George Washington	Porter, John Thomas	Storm, Peter—36.
Kilburn, Freder'k Augustus		

WITHDRAWN:

Brewington, Geo. Hamilton Lubbock, Clinton Henry Rodgers, Wm. Lafayette—3.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

DIED:

Johnson, Lyman Beard Seaman, George—2. Herold, Adam—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	41	Withdrawn.....	1
Affiliated.....	1—42.	Susp. for non-payment of dues....	2
		Died.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	36—43.

CHICO CHAPTER, No. 42.

Chico, Butte County.

Stated Meetings, second and fourth Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS:

William Thomas, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Edward Tillotson Reynolds, <i>Pr. Sovereign</i> ,
Alexander Hill Crew, <i>King</i> ,	John Cardiff Daly, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Thomas Bicknell, <i>Scribe</i> ,	James Madison Dugger, <i>Master 3d Val</i> ,
Charles Faulkner, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Jas. Knox Polk Boydston, <i>Master 2d Val</i> ,
Gilbert Hart Taylor, <i>Secretary</i> ,	William James Applegate, <i>Master 1st Val</i> ,
Harman McCargar, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Thomas L. Bohlender, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Charles Faulkner,	Edward Tillotson Reynolds,	Eugene Erastus Canfield,
John Rose Robinson,	Sam'l Hunter Montgomery,	William Henry Miller.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Barnard, Timothy Henry	Davison, James	Hansen, Lauritz
Batchelder, Hiram Treat	Durham, Wm. Wellington	Hartford, John William
Bell, Hugh Thomas	Elliott, Wesley Stockwell	Haughton, Jos. Richardson
Boucher, Josiah, Jr.	Evans, Aaron	Hibbard, Albert A
Bradley, William Leroy	Evans, Sylvester Kirkwood	Hilliard, Marion
Broyles, Adam Courtney	Freeman, Frank	Holloway, James Thomas
Carney, George Washington	Garner, John Mortimer	Jones, Ralph Taylor
Chapman, Augustus Harley	Gleeson, John Rodney	Jones, Samuel
Clark, Oliver Lovell	Graves, Fountain Columbus	King, William Duncan
Crew, Henry William	Gwynn, Pleasant Marion	Lausen, Henry Dattief
Cassick, Barney	Hansen, Anders Matthias	Linn, W. Birney

Lothrop, Matthew Hale	Papst, Albert	Stansbury, Oscar
Mack, William Edwin	Papst, Charles James	Steuben, Henry William
March, Charles Alexander	Patterson, Jacob	Stevens, Warren Charles
March, Jefferson Davis	Peake, William Humphrey	Turner, John Calvin
McFayden, Archibald	Peterson, Geo. Fred. Christ'n	Warren, Cyrus Greenleaf
McIntosh, Louis Harrison	Reavis, William Andrew	Wessman, John August
Mitchell, James Ewing	Ryant, Isaac Whittemore	Weston, Jubal
Montgomery, J. W. Bradford	Schooler, William Henry	Wetherbee, Ira Alston
Montgomery, Park	Schulze, Oscar Carl	White, Harry Darius—78.
Morissey, Thomas Francis	Snowden, James William	

WITHDRAWN:

Shand, George—1.

EXCLUDED:

Williams, John Harvey—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	79	Withdrawn	1
Affiliated.....	1—80.	Excluded	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	78—80.

SOLANO CHAPTER, No. 43.

Suisun, Solano County.

Stated Meetings, first Saturday succeeding Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

Jerome Bonaparte Richardson, <i>H. Priest</i> ,	Freeman Hunnewell, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
William Wynn Redmond Reeves, <i>King</i> ,	Allen Charles Miller, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Henry Harris, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Edgar Ernest Long, <i>Master 3d Val</i> ,
Eben Dorman Perkins, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Edgar L. Stewart, <i>Master 2d Val</i> ,
Abraham Farr Hitchcock, <i>Secretary</i> ,	William Wolf, <i>Master 1st Val</i> ,
John Adam Metzler, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	William Gustavus Davison, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Jerome Bonaparte Richardson,	Albert Alexander Dickie,	Albert Levi Beed,
Allen Charles Miller,	Freeman Hunnewell,	William Wolf.
Eben Dorman Perkins,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Baumann, Jacob Henry	Eversole, Henry	Okell, Edward Joseph
Blum, Jacob	Fraser, John Robert	Parker, William Boyd
Bronson, Howard Ouyler	Frank, Ferdinand	Reynolds, Jas. Wm. Bryson
Brown, William Burrell	Gates, James Walker	Robbins, Ruel Drinkwater
Buck, Ingalls Kenney	Hacke, Henry Frederick	Rush, Benjamin Franklin
Buck, William Leonard	Hatch, Anthony Timothy	Stewart, Samuel
Capell, James Smith	Henderson, Frederick Lewis	Stitt, James Warren
Cerkel, Wolf	Hoyt, Julian Buel	Stephens, William Bell
Cohn, Jacob	Kelly, Kirk Etna	Stevenson, Andrew Vincent
Danielson, John	Lethhead, James	Stevenson, Charles Albert
Dellinger, Ambrose Craig	Losee, Charles Henry	Tomassini, Guelno
Dinkelspiel, Morris	Miller, Meredith Rains	Weinberger, Marcus
Downing, William Green	Obert, Joseph	Wilson, Thomas Stanley
Emigh, Thomas Powell		

Dobblins, Oscar P

DIED:

Woods, John—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....56. Died..... 2
 Now borne upon the roll.....54—56.

VISALIA CHAPTER, No. 44.

Visalia, Tulare County.

Stated Meetings, fourth Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

William B Wallace, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Edward McDonald Graham, <i>Pr. Sojourner</i> ,
Christian Hausch, <i>King</i> ,	Edward Erastus McVeagh, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Robert Lee Freeman, <i>Scribe</i> ,	John James Jordan, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
James Edward Denny, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William Hall Hammond, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Edward Harrison Miles, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Edmund Jones Fudge, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Robert Chidley Broder, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Freedom Moulton Rice, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Robert Chidley Broder,	Charles Henry Murphy,	William B Wallace.
Joseph Clarence Ward,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Anderson, David Oscar	Hall, Albon Eugene	Quinn, Harry
Bowhay, Jasper Newton	Hockett, John Benjamin	Smith, George Washington
Chatten, Richard	Jones, John Simeon	Smith, Seth
Cranston, Floyd Cole	McIntyre, Thomas	Tracy, Persus Sprague
Crowley, Green Berry	Nelson, William Dennis	Tuohy, John
Gliroy, Launcelot	Parker, George Alvia	Tuxberry, William Dwight
Glasscock, Alpha Hayden	Pease, Edwin R	Wells, Morgan James
Goad, John Cornelius	Pogue, James Wm. Center	Woods, Ezekiel Wil'm'n Smith
Guggenheim, Leon	Preston, Charles Welcome	—40.

MARK MASTER:

Gray, Wheaton Andrew—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Bacigalupi, Theodore—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Branks, Robert—1.

DIED:

Russell, John Cowan

Stevens, Richard Hubbard

Walker, David Edward—3.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....45. Withdrawn..... 11
 Susp. for non-payment of dues..... 1
 Died..... 3
 Now borne upon the roll.....40—45.

SANTA ROSA CHAPTER, No. 45.

Santa Rosa, Sonoma County.

Stated Meetings, first Friday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Peter Nicholas Stofen, <i>High Priest</i> ,	James Clark Maller, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Charles Martin Bumbaugh, <i>King</i> ,	Frank Eugene Cherry, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
George Hall, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Charles Lorraine Phelps, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Milo Smith Davis, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Charles Albert Page, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Charles Augustus Hoffer, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Joseph Edward Hall, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
William Jordan Doggett, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	Winslow Simon Hosmer, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Robert Press Smith,	Henry J Ross,	Walter Clifford Good,
Augustus Leander Fisher,	Alex. Douglas Laughlin,	George Anderson Tupper,
Allison Burr Ware,	Edward Walker Davis,	Allan Bryant,
Christop'r Columb's Farmer,	Hiram Lewis Tripp,	Allen Bosley Lemmon.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Abshire, Alfred C	Highly, William	Overton, Albert Perry
Allen, Samuel Irwin	Hodgson, William Henry	Phillips, Walter
Allison, Peter	Hoover, Abram	Piggott, James Kenneth
Anderson, Thos. Hart Bent'n	Hoover, John	Pitblado, Charles Bruce
Appleton, Wellington	Howell, Louis Vanburgh H.	Prindle, William
Arnold, Amasa W	Howell, Orrin	Prosek, Charles
Baker, Walter Hussey	Hughes, John	Ross, John
Barnett, Joel Dwight	Hunt, Joseph Hancock	Shearer, Fred'k Elchelber'r
Berka, Frank	Hunt, William Jesse	Shelmerdine, Edw. Kirkland
Box, James Allen	Hutchinson, Samuel	Simmons, Leeson Gaskill
Brown, Alexander	Ink, Walter Payne	Sinclair, George Henry
Brown, John	Johnson, Andrew	Sparks, George Washington
Bookland, Leonard Harrison	Johnson, George Asbury	Speller, George
Burger, Calvin Hayden	Joost, Jacob	Spencer, Byron M
Burris, David	Juillard, Louis William	Steadman, Welcome Judson
Burris, Luther William	Kerridge, Frederick John	Stites, Alexander Hill
Caldwell, Charles Young	Kobes, Charles	Stone, Nathan Jonas
Clark, Frederick Longworth	Korbel, Antone Francis	Swett, Frank Hervey
Colgan, Edward Power	Label, Herman	Taylor, John Shackelford
Crawford, Richard Fruit	Laughlin, James Henry	Thompson, Robert Augustus
Crowder, Henry Crawford	Laughlin, John McGill	Thompson, Thomas Larkin
Devereaux, Elisha William	Loomis, Frank Clemmens	Thorsen, Jesse Fremont
Dohn, George Ernest	Ludwig, Thomas Jefferson	Trowbridge, George Tyler
Dunbar, John	Mathews, Alfred Fletcher	Vanderhoof, Martin V. Buren
Eshinghausen, Wm. Adams	McConnell, William Elliot	Van Valkenburgh, Charles C
Farmer, Charles Rollen	McDonald, Mark L	Walker, John
Fountain, Orlando	McKinlay, Duncan E	Warboys, John Walter
Fulkerson, Theodorus S.	McMinn, John	Warner, James Judson
Gannon, James	Metcalf, Samuel Washington	Watson, James Reade
Green, Paul Franklin	Mills, Emory Temple	Wescoatt, Jonas
Grindle, Joshua	Moral, Nathan	Wilton, Thomas Garrett
Guerne, George Emil	Morris, Henry Bullen	Wines, William Freeman
Halling, Fredric	Murdock, Lewis Anthony	Wright, Augustus Sylvanus
Harris, Jacob	Nelson, William Clark	Wright, James California
Henry, James	Nye, William Everett	

RESTORED:

Caldwell, Charles Young	Stites, Alexander Hill	Wright, James California
Harris, Jacob	Straney, Francis Marion	—5.

WITHDRAWN:

Berka, John	Straney, Francis Marion—2.
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DIED:

Dana, Alfred Wadsworth	Montgomery, William	Roney, James Madison—4.
Long, Isaac		

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....106	Withdrawn..... 2
Exalted..... 18	Died..... 4
Affiliated..... 5	New borne upon the roll.....128—134.
Restored.....5—134.	

WOODLAND CHAPTER, No. 46.**Woodland, Yolo County.***Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Franklin Sylvester Freeman, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Francis Ellsworth Baker, <i>Pr. Sojourner</i> ,
Donald Fraser, <i>King</i> ,	Philip Thomas Langenour, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Frederick Miller, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Levi Brandon Adams, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John Dickson Stephens, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	James Thomas Taylor, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
James Kerson Smith, <i>Secretary</i> ,	William Henry Winne, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Loron Warren Hilliker, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Edward Glendenning, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Donald Fraser,	Francis Ellsworth Baker,	Loron Warren Hilliker.
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ROYAL ARBOR MASON:

Arens, Thomas Otto	Dresbach, William	Hill, Henry Abraham
Blowers, Russell Bigelow	Ely, Isaac Jefferson	Houx, David Franklin
Bower, John Guster	Frederick, John George	Howard, Stephen A
Boyle, John	Freeman, John Watts	Hurlbut, George Rogers
Brown, Elijah William	Frost, Charles Stinsen	Lowry, John William
Charmak, Louis	Gable, Amos William	Magee, Temple Perrin
Cohen, William	Gable, Harvey Clinton	Marden, William Harrison
Coll, Leroy	Garey, George Jones	Rahm, Francis Marion
Craig, Thornton	Goodin, Thomas Clinton	Warrington, Thomas Henry
Cramer, Lewis	Grim, William Everett	Williams, John Calvert
Davison, Benj. Franklin	Guthrie, Thomas Walker	Woodard, Geo. Washington
Day, Charles Granville	Harling, Micajah Oglesby	Young, Joseph Garnet—49.
Diggs, David Pitt		

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....46	Now borne upon the roll.....49.
Exalted..... 3—49.	

LASSEN CHAPTER, No. 47.

Susanville, Lassen County.

Stated Meetings, second Saturday after Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

William Brockman, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Morris Asher, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Frederick Hines, <i>King</i> ,	Noble Samuel McKinsey, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Eber Gaston Bangham, <i>Scribe</i> ,	James Branham, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Lyman Collins Stiles, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	John Cahlan, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Wright Patrick Hall, <i>Secretary</i> ,	William Henry Hall, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Julien Eugene Pardee, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	John Hanson Marker, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

John Ranahaw Lockwood,	Philip Jacob Goumas,	William David Minckler,
Eber Gaston Bangham,	James Branham,	William Brockman.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Alexander, Abraham	Kruger, Frank	Pullen, Granville
Alexander, Jules	Masten, William Thomas	Ripley, Charles Jackson
Bailey, Ira Eugene	Maxwell, Jefferson Houston	Santee, Milton
Bereman, Henry	McDow, Lafayette Deestur	Sharp, James Porter
Bobo, Benjamin Franklin	McGill, Robert Leslie	Sheldon, Benjamin Franklin
Oramer, Daniel	McKenzie, Alex. Archibald	Smith, Albert Augustus
Crane, William Henry	McKenzie, Donald William	Smith, Isaac Wright
Dodge, Edward Robert	McKissick, Jacob	Snyder, Henry
Emmons, Theo. Frelingh'n	Miller, Andrew	Spalding, Zetus Newell
Hathaway, Hiram Jackson	Moon, Abraham Gillette	Stoll, Charles Michael
Hendrick, James Wesley	Morgan, Charles Henry	Talbot, Enoch Stanwood
Iyer, David Campbell	Otto, Anthony	Williams, Eugene Albert
Kingsbury, William Charles	Otto, Fred	Winchell, Hiram—56.
Knoch, David	Pierce, George Strunk	

WITHDRAWN:

Bird, Albert Dixon—1.

DIED:

Tremain, Robert—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....57	Withdrawn.....1
Exalted 1—58.	Died..... 1
	New borne upon the roll.....58—58.

DIXON CHAPTER, No. 48.

Dixon, Solano County.

Stated Meetings, Tuesday of or next preceding Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

John William McFadyen, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William Henry Garnett, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
John Devano Grady, <i>King</i> ,	James Phillip Martin, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Claus Frahm, <i>Scribe</i> ,	James Edwin Apperson, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Charles Cambridge Donoho, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Seligman Goodman, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
George Ulaten, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Franklin Benjamin Wire, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
George Clifford Russell, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	—— ———, <i>Guard</i> .

Longhead, George	Shirley, Hopkins Tinney	Ward, John Edward
Means, Andrew Jackson	Stewart, Alexander	Weyer, Frederick
Meinecke, Frederick	Stratton, John Augustus	Wright, Christop'r Columbus
Richardson, Thomas	Thomas, Richard Henry	Yancey, Thomas Grayson
Riggs, John Stewart	Tuggle, William Harrison	Young, John Phillips
Ripperdan, Isaac	Tulloch, John William	Zimdars, Otto Ernest—52.
Root, Milton Burdette	Vogelman, Henry	

WITHDRAWN:

Kelly, David Chalfant—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report... ..53	Withdrawn..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll.....52—53.

VENTURA CHAPTER, No. 50.

Ventura, Ventura County.

Stated Meetings, Tuesday of or next preceding Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

James Walker, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Willis Philip Lincoln, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Frederick William Baker, <i>King</i> ,	Herbert Alvaro Giddings, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Andrew Jackson Comstock, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Henry Isaac Hoppin, <i>Master 3d Val</i> ,
John Stevenson Collins, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	David Rhodes Dennison, <i>Master 2d Val</i> ,
Wm. Henry Albert Thompson, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Andrew Badgeley, <i>Master 1st Val</i> ,
La Fayette Findla Eastin, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	Amos Dudley Seward, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Lemuel Clark McKeeby,	James Allen Day,	Edward Taylor Hare,
Eugene Preston Foster,	Kenneth Peter Grant,	James Walker.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bard, Cephas Little	Crawford, James Monroe	McKevett, Charles Henry
Bard, Thomas Robert	Davis, Frank Elwell	Metcalf, Charles Wesley
Benchley, Edward Kellogg	Ely, Martin Judah	Mott, David Wallace
Blackstock, Nehemiah	Galley, Daniel Gregg	Robinson, Chr'ph'r Maxwell
Blanchard, Nathan Weston	Gilbert, Geo. Shoebr'ge, Jr.	Simpson, Volney Alexander
Brooks, James Marion	Gosnell, Truman B	Smith, Alvin Billings
Budreau, Edward Silas	Haberer, Joseph Julius	Taggart, Edwin
Cannon, Marion	Hall, Elwin Seth	Taylor, Casper
Chaffee, Walter Scott	Kaiser, Joseph M	Todd, Theodore
Chrisman, Gilpin Wallace	Knighten, William Amon	Williams, Benjamin Tully
Cox, Richard	McGuire, William	Wolff, Moise Lazard—50.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS:

McFee, William Thomas	McIntosh, George Robert	Warring, Isaac Hudson—3.
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HUMBOLDT CHAPTER, No. 52.

Eureka, Humboldt County.

Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Jos. Dibble Hoyt Chamberlin, <i>H. Priest</i> ,	Louis Persons, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Lewis Buoncore Kingsbury, <i>King</i> ,	David Kenneda Benfro, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Emery Jonathan Chapman, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Edwin Hudson Percy, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
James William Henderson, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Louis Rice, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Patterson Hanna, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Wesley Charles Graham, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Robert Copeland, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	William Daniel McKay, <i>Guard</i> ,

Past High Priests:

Thomas Blakwell,	Joseph Dibble Hoyt Chamberlin,	Thomas Barnes Cutler.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Anderson, Andrew William	Graham, John George	Oliver, Frank Wright
Anderson, James Peter	Greenwald, Julius	Phillips, Edwin S
Auraud, Frank Olateon	Haensel, Julius Henrich Gus	Pine, Safford Fay
Backenstoe, Edward	Hamilton, John	Powell, Robert Baldwin
Baylor, Daniel	Hart, Plummer Frederick	Robarts, James Thomas
Beckwith, Frank Walter	Harpst, Charles Isaiah	Roberts, Melvin Parker
Bonifield, Samuel	Harpst, Cornelius N	Ross, Andrew Walker
Borg, Edward Nelson	Hetfield, Albert DeForest	Ross, James
Brown, Thomas McGinnis	Hetherington, John, Jr.	Russ, Ira Alonso
Bryce, William	Hill, Randall	Ryan, John Walter
Buck, Silas Montgomery	Howard, Clarence M. Leig'n	Sherburne, Benjamin F
Bull, John Clark, Jr.	Howatt, James College Pope	Serier, Ernest
Campbell, Alexander	Holmes, Samuel	Sherwood, Edgar Dudley
Carson, Charles Alexander	Hutchins, Robert Walker	Siedell, Arthur Charles
Carson, George	Jackson, Harry Woodville	Sinclair, John Archibald
Clark, Robert Dale	Keene, George Hamilton	Smith, James L
Clyborne, W Frank	Langford, Thomas	Spring, Obadiah Hill
Cutler, Thomas	Luther, Frank William	Stoessiger, Julius Theodore
Dale, Jeremiah	Marvin, George D	Stone, Wesley Whipple
Davies, Jasper Newton	Maurer, John Lester	Swauger, Samuel Adams
Delamere, Henry Sinclair	McCann, Charles Frederick	Thompson, Hiram Freeman
Dinkelspiel, Adolph	McOullins, David	Thompson, James Franklin
Dinmore, William	McGeorge, John Frederick	Thompson, Sidney William
Doe, Charles Albion	McKay, Richard	Trost, John Henry
Douglas, George Carlton	McLeod, John	Wentworth, Harris Barnes
Dunlap, David N	McNamara, William Jewett	Whipple, Stephen Grant
Emerson, Thomas Ruthven	Melendy, John Marvin	Williams, George Frank
Faron, Lewis Hoile	Nelson, Aaron Frederick	Wilson, Emet Wakeman
Gallop, John Thomas	Noe, Jesse Lafayette	Zaruba, Valcao
Glennon, Patrick Joseph	Noecker, Charles	Zehndner, George—106.
Graeter, Luther Drury	Ohman, Ignatius Joseph	

EXCLUDED:

Barnard, James Edwin	Bigelow, Charles Edwin	Clark, John Gordon—3.
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RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	104	Excluded	3
Exalted	3	Now borne upon the roll	106—109.
Affiliated	2—109.		

UKIAH CHAPTER, No. 53.

Ukiah, Mendocino County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

George Washington Stout, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William Ross Elliot, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
James Robert Mathews, <i>King</i> ,	Samuel Dihel Paxton, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
John Henry Barker, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Charles Cunningham, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Samuel Wheeler, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Lyman Wilbert Babcock, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Truman Kirkwood, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Joseph Daniel Jourdon, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Fred Clark Handy, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Lee I. Harbert, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

John Wesley Jenkins,	William Watkins Cunningham,	James Milton Mannon,
George McCowen,	Jeremiah Henry Donohoe,	George Washington Stout,
Edward Warren King,	William Isbell,	Benson Clark Bellamy.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Abraham, Louis	Hatch, Hiram Treat	Proudfoot, William
Ambrose, Charles Delos	Heeser, William	Rawles, Thomas Edward
Baily, Washington Irving	Hendrix, Jay Ward	Reed, John Smith
Barnes, Thomas Langley	Henley, Whitcomb	Reilly, James Edward
Bechtol, Albert George	Hirsch, Benoit Samuel	Salmon, George Washington
Benton, James Brown	Hoak, Newman Elvin	Saunders, John Herbert
Boulon, Paul Amabel Leon	Holliday, Stonewall Jackson	Seawell, John Henry
Bransford, Walter Lee	Hornbrook, Sanders	Severance, Frank Billings
Carothers, Thomas Langley	Jarvis, Henry Herbert	Sleeper, Ed
Charlton, Thomas	Kilbourn, William Vincent	Singley, George Henry
Collyer, William Henry	Kimball, Charles	Smith, Martin Thomas
Compton, Thos. Jefferson	Lane, John Crosby	Smith, Tracy Hubbard
Dart, Frederick William	Levey, Morris Frank	Snow, John
Day, Louis Taylor	Markle, Robert Bruce	Standley, Jeremiah M
De Camp, Clarence Eastman	Marks, Seymour	Tanner, Dennis
Donohue, Edward John	McCowen, Hale	Taylor, John
Forse, William Henry	McGarvey, Robert	Thomas, Andrew Jackson
Foster, Jesse Valentine	McKay, Andrew	Updegraff, Jacob
Gerber, August	McPhee, George Sanford	Wagenseller, Norton
Grey, Ninlan Edward	Montague, Lemuel Davis	White, Clarence Ulmer
Gowell, Charles Alfred	Newfield, Marcus	Whitten, Carroll Henry
Hagana, William Anderson	Orr, James Henry	Yell, Archibald
Hagenmyer, Gebhard	Packard, Charles Oscar	Zimmerman, William Tell
Hargrave, Pitman Colbert	Petersen, James Lewis	

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RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....88	Now borne upon the roll.....91.
Exalted..... 2	
Affiliated..... 1—91.	

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 56.**San Bernardino, San Bernardino County.***Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Henry A Keller, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Smith Cook Halle, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
William Lewis Hubbard, <i>King</i> ,	Jere. Drake Ousterhout, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Milford Byron Terrass, <i>Scribe</i> ,	George Lord, <i>Master 2d Val</i> ,
Edward David Roberts, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William Swaize Hooper, <i>Master 2d Val</i> ,
Daniel Taylor Brummett, <i>Secretary</i> ,	George Edward Burrall, <i>Master 1st Val</i> ,
Thomas Jonathan Wilson, <i>Captain of Host</i> ,	Edward Alexander Smith, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Horace Cowen Rolfe,	Wm. Lloyd Garrison Soule,	William Craig.
Thomas Jonathan Wilson,	Henry A Keller,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Andreson, John	Hart, Alexander Hamilton	McCullough, Wm. Pinkney
Bright, Frederick Richard	Hobart, Charles H	Merkley, John Lawrence
Chamblin, Wilbur Newton	Hook, John	Morse, Arthur Perry
Clark, Horace	Hubbard, Anthony Gerhart	Papenhausen, Henry
Cole, George Benjamin	Jacobs, Lewis	Porter, William Robert
Crafts, George Herbert	Kennedy, Robert James	Shaw, David Augustus
Davis, Milo Eugene	King, John Caleb	Taylor, Albert Edwin
Deck, Lewis	Knapp, Calvin Reason	Warner, Josephus D
French, George William	Knox, John Thompson	Wegnori, Henry Francis
Gibson, James Alexander	Kurtz, Christian	Wilson, Thomas Jefferson
Hanna, John Bennett	La Rue, Jeremiah	—47.

WITHDRAWN:

Mann, James—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Downs, John Whitney	Kennedy, Dennis Meade	Lawrence, Chas. Marshall—4.
Harris, Jacob		

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....43	Withdrawn..... 1
Exalted 8	Susp. for non-payment of dues..... 4
Affiliated 1—52.	Now borne upon the roll.....47—52.

SIGNET CHAPTER, No. 57.**Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.***Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

August Wackerbarth, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Cornelius Welles Pendleton, <i>Pr. Sojourner</i> ,
Niles Pease, <i>King</i> ,	Hampens Victor Bard, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
William Downie, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Cyrus Willard, <i>Master 3d Val</i> ,
William George Cochran, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Henry Glass, <i>Master 2d Val</i> ,
Fred Martin Smith, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Charles Ira McIntyre, <i>Master 1st Val</i> ,
George Webb Aylsworth, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	Daniel Picket, <i>Chaplain</i> ,
	Milton Cephas Fordham, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Robert Rufus Brown,	Trowbridge Hyer Ward,	John Amos Kingsley,
Rob. Gilmore Cunningham,	John Oondit Haskell,	August Wackerbarth,
Charles Wilson Bush,	George Mortimer Holton,	Henry Sayre Orme, <i>P.G.H.P.</i>
Julius Herbert Martin,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Ainsworth, Frank Kenley	Carter, William Bell	Freeman, Edwin Herbert
Alexander, Edmund Kimball	Cass, Alonzo Beecher	Furrey, William Corbett
Alford, Chauncey Higby	Cherry, Alexander	Gibson, Edward David
Alles, Fred Lind	Childress, Wm. Townsend	Gibson, Francis Asbury
Anderson, Horace Philip	Choate, James Jefferson	Gillespie, Samuel Smith
Archer, Richard Edwin	Christopher, John Francis	Gillis, William Templeman
Arnold, George Leonard	Church, William James	Graham, Robert John
Bair, Darus H	Clark, Charles Hardenburg	Grubb, Oscar Edwin
Baldwin, Cornelius Vanoy	Clark, William Hovey	Haas, Solomon Iramoher
Baldwin, Osmer Wheeler	Clippinger, Isaac Meason	Habel, George Henry
Barclay, David Eric	Cole, Jerritt Walter	Haight, Will
Beck, Samuel James	Conklin, Hiram Hedges	Hamilton, Albert Newell
Bell, Jas. Edgar Stevenson	Conrad, Simon	Hammel, William Augustus
Bell, James George	Cooper, Henry Hill	Hansell, Edward
Bell, William Middlemast	Cowan, John	Hathaway, Harry Richard
Beryle, Robert	Cox, Will James	Hartup, Edmund
Bicknell, John Dustin	Crank, James Fillmore	Hay, James
Billoke, Albert Clay	Crawford, John H	Hayes, Louis Alexander
Billington, Theophilus	Cunningham, John Calvin	Heartt, Charles Lawrence
Blake, Charles Wesley	Cusner, James	Hellman, Herman Wolf
Boal, Robert Hughes	Damm, Andrew	Hellman, Isaias Wolf
Bonsall, William Henry	Davis, George Henry	Henderson, Wm. Hutchinsen
Bonynge, Walter Alfred	Dering, Thomas Rowell	Hill, Timothy Preston
Bosbyahell, Edw. Christian	De Witt, Andrew Jackson	Hoffman, John Kay
Bower, Euzema Clarence	Deyoe, Fred Theodore	Hopkins, Fred Beech
Braly, John Hyde	Dodge, Shailor Calver	Hornbeck, Charles
Branch, John Franklin	Donnell, John Alexander	House, Melancthon
Bray, Arthur	Dougherty, Thos. Cadwalla'r	House, Radcliff Frank
Breed, Levi Newton	Dowling, James Nelson	Howe, Alvin Jared
Brodbeck, Otto	Drakenfeld, Geo. Bartholo's	Hubbard, Albert Allen
Brookman, Arthur	Drought, Robert	Humphreys, Chas. Harkness
Brousseau, Julius	Dunsmoor, Charles Henry	Jacobi, Louis
Brown, Albert	Durgin, Walter Clement	Jacobson, Christian Fred'k
Brown, John Alexander	Earl, Edwin Tobias	Jeffries, William Thomas
Brown, LeRoy Decatur	Eddy, Frank Cowen	Jewett, Stanley Punchardon
Bullis, Omri	Elliot, Adolphus Fitz	Johnston, John Milton
Bandrem, Howard Graham	Eedor, William Henry	Jordan, Franklin
Burbank, David	Fairchild, Charles Herbert	Joy, Duane Francisco
Burns, John	Ferguson, William	Judson, Edw. Staubt Maggie
Burns, John Appleyard	Field, Daniel Webster	Keller, Henry Workman
Burr, Charles Martin	Fiscus, Joseph	Kelly, Richard Washington
Burr, William Anthony	Flint, Frank Putnam	Kenny, Robert Wolfenden
Burr, William Orange	Ford, George Oscar	Klobe, Charles
Butler, Sidney Alcut	Fowler, Edwin Waring	Knickerbocker, Niles
Campbell, Charles	Francis, John Wilson	Knotts, Harry Hope
Carter, Julius Munson	Fraser, Alexander	Koepfle, Joseph O

Kubach, Christian John	Nance, Benjamin Franklin	Shriver, Levi Perry
Kuhrts, Jacob	Neuhart, Daniel, Jr.	Shorb, Andrew Stephen
Lamb, Willard	Osborne, Henry Zenas	Shumway, Curtiss I
Lane, Alexander F	Osmun, Silas Cook	Simons, Edward
Lane, Fred J	Owens, Madison Townsend	Sinsabaugh, George
Langdon, Fred Sylvester	Packard, John Elwood	Smith, Benjamin N
Lankershim, James Boone	Park, John Simpson	Smith, Henry Augustus
Lawson, Lewis B	Parke, Elbert Taylor	Smith, Ira Bacon
Lehman, Charles Joseph	Patterson, Henry	Stead, Charles
Lightner, Daniel Westley	Pattison, Jas. Ham'n Wilson	Stewart, Granville Quincy
Lindley, Hervey	Pavkovich, John Luke	Stewart, William
Lindley, Walter	Peasley, Andrew	Story, Norton Filmore
Llewellyn, Llewellyn James	Perry, John Sargent	Sutherland, David Munroe
Long, James William	Perry, William Hayes	Tebbets, Hiram Watson
Maguire, John Francis	Polaski, Lewis	Teed, Freeman Golding
Mansfield, John Patrick	Preston, Isaac Hubbard	Teed, Matthew
Martin, Russell Clinton	Preston, Jasper Newton	Thorne, Lewis
Mason, Charles Cole	Reiser, Theodore	Thomas, Robert Shaw
Mason, Henry D	Reithmuller, Aloise Jean	Trobeck, John August
Maxson, Geo. Washington	Reynolds, Elbert Wilson	Tucker, Milo Asen
McClure, Joseph Stewart	Richards, Thomas William T	Van Doran, John Suydam
McDonald, Edward Nathan I	Richel, Carl	Van Dyke, Walter
McIlmott, John	Rockwell, Lorenzo Anson	Van Nuys, Isaac Newton
McKinley, James Wilfred	Rohrer, John Bonewits	Variel, Bob't Henry Faunt'y
McManis, John Rodman	Ruddy, William	Vignolo, Ambrogio
McMillan, Isaac Alexander	Russell, Daniel Lindsey	Walker, Thomas Eaton
Merrill, George Whitney	Russell, Horace Marvin	Ward, Olean Alexander
Merwin, Andrew Homer	Salisbury, John Caleb	Watson, George Samuel
Meyers, Henry Lane	Sargent, Edward William	Webster, Stephen Merrett
Miles, David Edwin	Scarborough, William Byron	Weldon, Tom Jeremiah
Miles, Nelson Appleton	Scheerer, Conrad	Weston, Samuel Outler
Montgomery, Jas. Andrew	Schmidt, Theodore August	Wheelan, Frank M
Moore, Alfred, Jr.	Schoder, Joseph	White, Chas. Esmond Jeffries
Moore, James Lamar	Scott, Charles Otis	White, William Hurd
Morgan, William Adams	Seekatz, George Phillip	Whitson, Levi Henry
Morrison, Norman Holt	Selp, George Edward	Willard, Charles Dwight
Mullard, Richard Thomas	Settle, John	Woodbury, Francis Chute
Murray, John Emmett	Shaffer, John	Woodward, Millard Fillmore
Murray, Nelson Henry	Sheldon, Willard M	Yapp, Frederick George
Murphy, Daniel	Sheridan, John Henry	Young, Robert T—282.
Mussey, Nathan Dickinson	Shinn, William Hollis	

PAST MASTER:

Platt, Robert Starke—1.

RESTORED:

Ogsbury, George

Stewart, Granville Quincy—2.

WITHDRAWN:

Driffill, James Alexander
 Jepsen, Jacob
 Martin, Thomas Wilson
 McKenna, Patrick Augustus

Mead, Charles Abiel
 Molyneux, Francis Asbury
 Ogsbury, George
 Soper, William Wallace
 Strohm, Thomas
 Tressalar, Sidney Peany—10.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Clark, Gillis Archibald Clifford, Emmett Flye Smith, Gilbert Vernon—3.

EXCLUDED:

Biscailuz, Martin Vincent Boring, William Alciphron Ross, Levi Adolphus—3.

DIED:

Bennett, Samuel Warner Marsh, James Harvey Wade, William Pratt—5.
Carr, Mathew Rutan, Charles Franklin

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	269	Withdrawn.....	10
Exalted	14	Susp. for non-paym't of dues	3
Affiliated.....	18	Excluded.....	3
Restored.....	2—303.	Died	5
		Now borne upon the roll....	282—303.

SALINAS CHAPTER, No. 59.

Salinas, Monterey County.

Stated Meetings, fourth Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

James Ashley Webster, <i>High Priest,</i>	Chas. Grandison Chamberlain, <i>Pr. Sojour.,</i>
Jacob Jepsen, <i>King,</i>	William Michael Vanderhurst, <i>R. A. Capt.,</i>
Frederick William Schmechel, <i>Scribe,</i>	Thomas Scott Mabel, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Mason Lorenzo Dexter, <i>Treasurer,</i>	James Crawford Menor, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Arthur Johnson Abbott, <i>Secretary,</i>	Elmer Zell Brokaw, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Henry Edwin Stafford, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i> William Willis Joyce, <i>Guard.</i>	

Past High Priests:

William Vanderhurst, *P. G. H. P.,* John King Alexander, Uldarico Hartnell,
Samuel Franklin Geil, Mason Lorenzo Dexter, James Ashley Webster.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Abbott, Carlisle Stewart	Cayer, Ovilla	Harmes, George
Abbott, George	Chappel, Thomas	Harris, James
Abbott, Harvey Eldon	Cook, Theodore Webster	Hatton, William
Archer, Samuel Milton	Cupples, William Henry	Hill, William Jay
Ball, Henry Seymour	Eaton, Edwin Alexander	Hiller, Andrew
Bennett, Charles Newton	Edwards, William Sawyer	Hitchcock, Benjamin
Bennett, John Barron	Fancher, James Knox Polk	Hoffman, Christian
Black, Victor Delmor	Faw, George Eugene	Hoffman, Henry
Boyers, Cary Lee	Faw, Thomas Felix	Housh, William Harvey
Brown, Andrew Washington	Fenton, Edward	Jacks, Will
Brown, Ointon Edwin	Gibson, Thomas	Jackson, Alexander Bell
Brown, Pearl Raymond	Graves, James Elbert	Josselyn, Edward Spencer

Joy, Charles	Palmer, Hiram Jairus	Smeltzer, M. Jacob Grove
Joy, John Greene	Parker, Wm. Matticks Rog's	Smith, Lovias
Kent, Henry Edmund	Patterson, Alexander	Snively, James Bowman
Lambert, Thomas Grafton	Pinkerton, William	Steinbeck, John Ernest
Logwood, Samuel Hall	Porter, John Brewer	Sutton, William
Logwood, William Mayfield	Porter, Robert Lindsay	Taft, William Henry
Manuel, Augustin Antoine	Benison, Thomas	Trimmer, Oliver Smith
Martin, William Jefferson	Reynolds, John	Tuttle, Charles Kirkham
McGarvey, William Victor	Riley, James Alexander	Uttley, George
Nissen, Christian	Schroeder, Frederick Wm.	Whitcher, Charles Rose, Jr.
Norton, Andrea Massena	Skiff, Hermon Albert	Widemann, Alfred—85.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

Acworth, John—1.

DIED:

Sargent, Bradley Varnum—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	78	Died	1
Exalted	8—86.	Now borne upon the roll.....	85—86.

COLUSA CHAPTER, No. 60.

Colusa, Colusa County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Joseph Bailey Cooke, <i>High Priest</i> ,	John Burris De Jarnatt, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Claude Edward De St. Maurice, <i>King</i> ,	Rotheus Augustus Gray, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Robert Cosner, <i>Scribe</i> ,	John Charles Mogk, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Edward Winslow Jones, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Selig Rummelsberg, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Richard Jones, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Jacob Henry Miller, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
John Lowry Jackson, <i>Captain of Host</i> ,	—— ———, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priest:

Joseph Bailey Cooke.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Ayer, Leonard Barnard	Harrington, Tennant	Robinson, Oscar
Buster, William Harrison	Hubbard, William Henry	Sewall, Josiah Lauderdale
Bungarde, George	Jacobson, Emile	Sites, John
Cheaney, John	Jones, James Thaddeus	Sites, William Franklin
Clark, Reuben	Liening, John Henry	Stanton, Joseph Byron
Elliott, Henry Baker	Mason, Wm. Farrington	St. Maurice, Geo. Edwd. De
Fouch, John Franklin	Mitchell, Burr Hudson	Swinford, Edwin
Furth, Jacob	Mitchell, Louis Edward	Thayer, Albert Austin
Harden, George Beatty	Noble, William Wallace	Wilson, Cyrus Pogue—38.

WITHDRAWN:

Winkler, James Jackson—1.

DIED:

Vaughan, Cornelius L. N.—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	30	Withdrawn	1
Affiliated.....	10—40.	Died.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll....	38—40.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER, No. 61.

San Diego, San Diego County.

Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

James Godfrey Decatur, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William Levings Pierce, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Addison Morgan, <i>King</i> ,	William John Mossholder, <i>Royal A. Capt.</i> ,
John R Aitken, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Charles John Hylund, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Samuel Warren Hackett, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Minard Jonathan Perrin, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
John Waldo Thompson, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Frank Smith Banks, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Emanuel J Louis, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Thomas Goodwin Jefferis, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

William Augustus Begole,	Simon Levi,	Eli Tucker Blackmer.
John Waldo Thompson,	George Midin Dannals,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Allison, Juan Manuel	Dill, Albert Freeman	McLure, Louis Steenrod
Anderson, Charles	Douglas, Charles H	Mumford, John Valentine
Arnold, Gilbert Conger	Fenn, Charles Merwin	Nerney, Thomas Alexis
Asher, Josephus Marion	Flick, Warren Jay	Olmstead, Stephen Horatio
Babcock, Milton Stout	Fournier, Ferdinand	Patterson, Charles Fremont
Bass, John Duncan	Goldbaum, Simon	Plaisted, Leland Howard
Bowers, William Wallace	Grow, Galusha Benton	Powers, Robert Morris
Bradt, Garrett Garreon	Harbison, John S	Reed, David Curtis
Bradt, Horace	Hardy, Charles Saunders	Remondino, Peter Charles
Bullis, William Shufelt	Hearne, Joseph Carter	Rockfellow, Eugene Francis
Burgess, Edward Ezekiel	Hinton, John Brundridge	Rouland, Niles Peter
Busbyhead, Edw. Wilkerson	Hitchcock, David	Schneider, Arnold
Cameron, Thomas Ross	Jackson, Jacob Young	Shaw, Thomas Montague
Campbell, Chas. Alexander	Jewell, William Shepherd	Simpson, John Henfrey
Carl, Irving L	Johnstone, James Simpson	Stewart, William Wallace
Cave, Daniel	Kimball, Frank Augustus	Thomas, Richard A
Clark, John Milton	Long, Charles Douglas	Thomson, William Fife
Clemmens, Andrew	Luce, Moses Augustin	Thonstrup, Julius Arendt E
Conklin, Norman Henry	Marks, Joseph	Thurman, John
Conroy, John	Matfield, George Henry	Weineke, Henry William
Craigie, Solon William	Matthiessen, Albert Henry	Winsby, Enoch
Crosthwaite, Philip	McDougal, Wm. Bradford	York, Charles E—82.

RESTORED:

Remondino, Peter Charles—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Levi, Isaac—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Scribner, George Osborne—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	75	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted.....	6	Susp. for non-paym't of dues.	1
Affiliated.....	2	Now borne upon the roll.....	82—84.
Restored.....	1—84.		

SAN LUIS CHAPTER, No. 62.**San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo County.***Stated Meetings, first Friday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Fred Adolphus Dorn, <i>High Priest,</i>	Kaufman Green, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
George Breck Stanford, <i>King,</i>	Joseph Lind, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
John Whicher, <i>Scribe,</i>	Simon Hempel Hanson, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Henry Looobliner, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Jesse Elisha Lewis, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Eward Vollmer, <i>Secretary,</i>	Charles Jay Russell, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Ralph Parker Sutliff, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Andrew Williamson, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Levi Backliffe,	William Harrison Spencer,	Philip Francis Ready.
Frederick Adams,	Kaufman Green,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Ballou, Stephen Davis	Hays, William Williams	Phillips, Chauncey Hatch
Barger, Daniel Edwin	Hoff, Marcus Jacob	Poland, Henson
Beck, Hiram Jefferson	Hollister, John Hubbard	Pollard, Samuel Adams
Blackburn, Daniel Drew	Ide, Bela Olinton	Prefamo, Pietro Benedetto
Booth, Alfred Roger	Jack, Robert Edgar	Reed, Charles Henry
Brooks, Benjamin	Johnston, Hosea Holcomb	Rice, Coffee Adam
Call, Samuel Johnson	Kaetzel, Philip	Robbins, Fred Olmstead
Carter, Wirt Ludore	Lasar, Isaac	Sandercook, William
Cass, James	Lasar, Marcus	Smith, Edwin
Crocker, Adolph	Latimer, Benjamin Griffith	Smith, William John
Dallidet, Pierre Hyp'lite, Jr.	Lucas, William Thomas	Speyer, David
Douglas, Gerard Noel	McCoy, George Watson	Steinhart, Alphonse Wash.
Evans, William	Michael, Geo. Washington	Storey, George
Farnum, Charles Alson	Muir, Jeremiah	Tognazzini, Antonio
Filliponi, Denis	Muscio, Abramo	Tognazzini, Peter
Garrison, Daniel Marcus	Muscio, Giuseppe	Tomasini, Louis
Greenberg, Meyer	Netter, Nathan	Victors, Henry
Goldtree, Morris	Nichols, George Burritt	Watson, James William
Hardie, Angus McPherson	Noah, Louis Meyer	Williams, Thomas Jeffreys
Harkinson, Robert	Noah, Meyer	Wilson, Stephen Britton
Harloe, Marcus	Pezzoni, Battista	Wood, Beder Junior—80.
Hasbrouk, Abram Bruyn		

MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS:

Bonetti, Julian Clementini	Righetti, Robertino—2.
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RESTORED:

Sarger, Daniel Edwin	Greenberg, Meyer—2.
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DIED:

Warden, Lew Moore—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....75	Died.....1
Exalted.....3	Now borne upon the roll.....80—81.
Affiliated.....1	
Restored 2—81.	

ST. HELENA CHAPTER, No. 63.**St. Helena, Napa County.***Stated Meetings, Thursday on or before Full Moon in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Wm. Whittingham Lyman, *High Priest*, George Wilhelm Schmidt, *Prin. Sojourner*,
 John Henry Steves, *King*, Charles Frederick Rice, *Royal Arch Capt.*,
 James Mitchell, *Scribe*, William Alexander Bingham, *Master 3d Vail*,
 Charles Hayden Greenfield, *Treasurer*, William Wirt Bradbury, *Master 2d Vail*,
 Charles Ross Vann, *Secretary*, James Jackson McIntire, *Master 1st Vail*,
 Benj. Franklin Kettlewell, *Capt. of Host*, David Galewsky, *Guard*.

Past High Priest:

William Whittingham Lyman.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adamsen, Christian Pugh	Johns, Josiah	Ritchie, Mathew G
Boland, Michael Sixon	Lander, George	Rocca, Andrew
Burgess, Charles Metzgar	Meacham, Henry Martin	Shakespear, David
Delafield, Robert Hare	Pellet, Frank	Trainor, Louis Howard
Foss, Raymond	Phillips, William Lucas	Williams, Alton Levant
Inman, Marcus Fayette	Pickett, Charles Nathan	York, Eli McBride—30.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Gibbs, Willard Samuel Vann, William Franklin Wright, Joseph Warren—4.
 Greer, Thomas

DIED:

Ink, Theron Hotchkiss—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	32	Susp. for non-payment of dues....	4
Exalted	2	Died.....	1
Affiliated	1—35.	Now borne upon the roll	30—35.

ACACIA CHAPTER, No. 64.**Adin, Modoc County.***Stated Meetings, second Saturday after Full Moon in each month.***OFFICERS:**

George Horace Knight, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Charles John McCoy, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Geo. Freelon Hueston Rice, <i>King</i> ,	Charles Edmund Hill, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Frank Pierce Parrish, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Joseph Fernand Lapoint, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Albert Blaske, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Charles William Rice, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Henry David Curran, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Thomas Alex. Roseberry, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Joseph Richardson, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Elsley Wiman Groves, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

George Horace Knight, Charles John McCoy, James Clinton Lewis.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Fruits, John Sebastian Lapoint, Gonzague Louis Parrish, Joseph Franklin
Groves, Jerome Charles Massingill, William Alwin Reavis, James Jones
Hopkins, Leonidas Hamlin Packwood, Warren Dale Stanley, Ransom Heenan

—22.

PAST MASTERS:

Grubbs, Elisha Parker Saling, Richmond—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....22 Now borne upon the roll.....22.

ANTIOCH CHAPTER, No. 65.

Antioch, Contra Costa County.

Stated Meetings, Saturday preceding the Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

George Holladay, *High Priest*, Charles Mortimer Belshaw, *Pr. Sojourner*,
Stephen Horace McKellips, *King*, Solon Thayer Metcalf, *Royal Arch Capt.*,
John Thomas Cox, *Scribe*, Worth Scott George, *Master 3d Vail*,
Joel David Wightman, *Treasurer*, Henry Fuller Beede, *Master 2d Vail*,
Granville Franklin Foster, *Secretary*, Rasmus Emil Hansen, *Master 1st Vail*,
Joshua Plummer Abbott, *Capt. of Host*, George Alexander Minaker, *Guard*.

Past High Priests:

James Carter, Charles Mortimer Belshaw.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Booth, Frank Edward Graves, Hiram Augustus Smith, Nathaniel Woodhull
Cole, James Cairus Miller, George Storey, Walter
Darby, Daniel Gibson Montgomery, Chas. Franklin Veale, Richard Raines
George, Frank Norman, John Walton, Mark Anthony
Grant, Peter Buell Simmons, Harry Webber, David—28.

PAST MASTER:

Baker, Joshua Rio—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....26 Now borne upon the roll.....28.
Exalted 2—28.

DORIC CHAPTER, No. 66.**San Leandro, Alameda County.***Stated Meetings, second Saturday after Full Moon in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Andrew Gove Roberts, <i>High Priest,</i>	Amzi Briar Cary, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
William Berry McKensie, <i>King,</i>	Godfrey Vivian, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Frank William Bilger, <i>Scribe,</i>	Brady Washington Marlin, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
August Bjorkman, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Fritz Stenzel, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Benjamin Cowell Hawes, <i>Secretary,</i>	John Fred'k Ernst Hopper, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Harry Ernest Brunner, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Nells Henriksen, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

George Edwin Kennedy,	John Glover Reid.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Anspacher, Simon	Fowler, Frank Leon	Mitchell, John Lawrence
Aylward, John	Gerst, Garrison	Newell, Edward Charles
Bailey, Hiram	Hayes, John Carey	Pitcher, Henry Hinsdale
Bardellini, Joseph	Holmes, Nathaniel Breed	Schlueter, Herman Francis
Beck, Madison Hartwell	Huxley, Thomas Charles	Seller, Samuel
Bernal, Dennis Filbert	Johnson, George	Shiman, John Ludwig
Bowles, Jesse	Keyes, Ernest Mulford	Smith, James Dale
Bridger, Lyman	Landers, William John	Stone, Andrew L
Brier, William Wallace	Marlin, Henry Bowers	Stone, Egbert Barker
Clark, Alson Sherman	McKown, Joseph Oscar	Taylor, William Stewart
Crellin, Ernest Willard	McLeod, Andrew Jackson	True, George Lewis
Crooks, John Criaholm	Meek, Horry Wort	Wells, Charles Samuel
Crooks, John Edward	Meek, William Ellsworth	Wright, William Henry—54.
Fassett, Francis Bonello		

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....49	Now borne upon the roll.....54.
Exalted..... 3	
Affiliated..... 2—54.	

RIVERSIDE CHAPTER, No. 67.**Riverside, Riverside County.***Stated Meetings, first Tuesday on or before Full Moon in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Samuel Bond Hinckley, <i>High Priest,</i>	Kingsbury Sanburn, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
George Dimock Cunningham, <i>King,</i>	Gustavus Olivia Newman, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
Charles Wesley Filkins, <i>Scribe,</i>	George Edward Howard, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Walter Elmer Keith, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Charles Richard Gray, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Menno S Bowman, <i>Secretary,</i>	———, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
John T Jarvis, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	George Mortimer Skinner, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Menno S Bowman,

John Saxon Castleman,

Wilson Byron Russell.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Alguire, Myron	Fountain, Jabez Husted	McLeod, John William
Allatt, Horace Edmund	Garcelon, George William	Miller, Frank Augustus
Allen, Benjamin Franklin	Gunsolus, Philip Andrew	Mitchel, David G
Baker, Judah Sears	Haight, Ira Crawford	North, John Greenleaf
Barber, Rio Delos	Hall, Priestly	Noyes, Joseph Sibley
Boggs, Augustus Washing'n	Hamilton, John Alex. Wm.	Papineau, Otley
Bonham, John	Handy, Benjamin Bumpas	Rice, Charles Thomas
Burrill, Oliver	Holbrook, George Robert	Richardson, Frank Watson
Cox, John Henry Dutcher	Holt, Amos Kendall	Rouse, Gaylor
Culpepper, Sampson Wm.	Hornbeek, Eugene	Sayward, James Wheaton
Cundiff, Robert Preston	Huff, Melvin B	Shugart, Kelita Davis
Davis, Edward James	Jackson, Louis Edward	Smith, Howard Burton
Deere, George Henry	Jarvis, Joseph	Sulcer, Abraham Andrew
Drinkwater, Thomas Paine	Klinefelter, Peter K	Thrall, Jerry Beecher
DuBois, Louis O	Locke, Benjamin Franklin	Way, Ellsworth Henry
Dunbar, Frederick Martin	Martin, Achilles	Williams, B Budd—62.
Dyer, Otis Theron		

PAST MASTERS:

Hinshaw, Latin R

Lawrence, Morton L

Stanton, Edward B—3.

WITHDRAWN:

Rhodes, James D—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	58	Withdrawn	1
Exalted.....	8	Now borne upon the roll.....	62—63.
Affiliated.....	2—63.		

HOLLISTER CHAPTER, No. 68.**Hollister, San Benito County.***Stated Meetings, second Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

James Henry Tebbetts, <i>High Priest,</i>	George Wapple, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Daniel Fred'k Havelock McPhail, <i>King,</i>	Eugene Elsworth Bolton, <i>Royal A. Capt.,</i>
Wilhelm Peter Steinbeck, <i>Scribe,</i>	William Francis Dalzell, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Judson Gerould Hamilton, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Erwin Sanford Logan, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Harry Coleman, <i>Secretary,</i>	John Thomas Lowe, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Nash Corwith Briggs, Jr., <i>Capt. of Host,</i>	———, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Thomas Flint, Jr.,

Thomas Flint, Br., *G. S.,*

Nash Corwith Briggs.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Asher, William Clayton	Hollingbery, William Voss	Norton, Roscoe Green
Oargill, Charles Guy	Ladd, Leonard Murch	Rea, George Elmer
Coy, Arthur Himellus	Linsett, Archie	Rosenberg, Marcus
Ounning, Francis Asbury	Mitchell, George Francis	Sargent, James Alexander
Freels, Samuel Clark	Montgomery, Edward B	Shackleford, Rich'd Mathew
French, Theodore Hugh	Nash, Francis Orlando	Shaw, George Eden
Frenzel, Erdman Augnat	Nash, Pontalba Lavique	Wilcox, Edward North—36.
Hardin, Amos Marshall		

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	31	Now borne upon the roll	36.
Exalted.....	5—36.		

TRIGO CHAPTER, No. 69.

Fresno, Fresno County.

Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

James Alfred Webster, <i>High Priest,</i>	Frederick Marvin Miller, <i>Pr. Sojourner,</i>
Duncan Donald Allison, <i>King,</i>	James Wiley Smith, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
George David Soms, <i>Scribe,</i>	Duncan Campbell McDougall, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Oscar J Woodward, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Mark Webster, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
George Clayton Grimes, <i>Secretary,</i>	John McMullen, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
George Hayes Monroe, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Samuel Nathaniel Smith, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Angus Marion Clark,	George Clayton Grimes.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bachman, Nathan La Fay'e	Donahoo, Michael Jefferson	Martin, Samuel
Badger, Charles Taintor	Dusy, Frank	McDonald, Alex'der Monroe
Baker, Westwood James	Dwyer, John	McDonald, Donald James
Barling, Alfred Dare	Edwards, Edward Darnall	McDonald, Richard Henry
Bradford, Ward	Esrey, Justin	Nelson, Thomas Pleasant
Brown, James Ewing	Ferguson, John William	Norris, Charles Henry
Borden, Hartwell Cook	Gilbert, Julius Langdon	Parsons, George Groton
Butler, Alban Bernhard	Goldstein, Alexander	Phillips, William Walker
Child, Benjamin Wainwright	Hedges, Henry Phillip	Ring, William Charles
Collins, Alfred Scott	Hoffman, Henry Fletcher	Rosenthal, Nathan
Collins, James Darwin	Hughes, Thomas Edwin	Ross, Samuel Hawes
Oox, Elmer Henry	Hughes, William Marshall	Russell, Henry Davis
Davis, William Ellsworth	Kaarsburg, Hans M. Hagen	Sayle, Claudius Galen
De Long, Charles Warren	Knowles, William Edward	Shoobert, Ohas. Waldron S.
Dexter, Fred. Bartelle	Mace, Russell Perry	Sill, Theodore Lee

Smith, Albert Anderson	Wagner, James Daniel	Whitson, Jacob Emery
Smith, George Washington	Walters, Charles Lewis	Williams, Alonzo Coleridge
Snow, Bert Grant	Warner, Henry Conrad	Williams, John Robert
Stroud, John Allen	Watkins, John Wesley	Williamson, Charles
Sumner, John M	White, James Biggs	Yager, Cornelius
Taylor, James	White, John James	Young, Joseph Walter—77.
Valentine, Edward Sharp		

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Brown, Francis Richard	Dixon, Louis Le Roi	Robinson, Charles Henry
Conger, John West	Eley, Mills	Wilkins, Archibald Smith—6.

SUSPENDED FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT:

Selleck, Edwin Forrest—1.

DIED:

Dalton, Henry Clay—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	79	Susp. for non-payment of dues...	6
Exalted	3	Susp. for unmasonic conduct....	1
Affiliated	3—85.	Died	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	77—85.

ALAMEDA CHAPTER, No. 70.

Alameda, Alameda County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Saturdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

John Yablonsky, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Benjamin Salisbury McFarland, <i>Prin. Sof'r.</i> ,
Richard Spreckels, <i>King</i> ,	Wm. Augustus Lindley Knowles, <i>R. A. Cap.</i> ,
Elmer Ellsworth Johnson, <i>Scribe</i> ,	John Henry Eickhoff, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Henry Sevensing, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Franklin Lumnis Perkins, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Oswald Lubbock, <i>Secretary</i> ,	John Ethan Chappell, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Peter Klein, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Henry Peters Decker, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

John Henry Eickhoff,	Fred. Wm. Gustave Moebus, William Bainbridge Storey.
Wm. Augustus L. Knowles,	John Yablonsky,

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Ames, George Spencer	Ellsworth, John	Holts, William
Barton, Phineas Wesley	Fletter, Freeborn Jacob	Hunter, James
Boehmer, Fritz	Forderer, Joseph Frank	Jones, William Price
Brown, Cyrus Austin	Granger, Farley Benj., Jr.	Konigshofer, Julius Jonas
Daniel, James	Halsey, Henry Luther	Lancaster, Americus Vesp's
Dorwin, George Wadsworth	Haskell, Walter Williams	Martin, David Wilkins
Dubbs, Willis Snowden	Hogeboom, Lawrence Vosberg	McGoun, Robert

Michaels, Henry	Reynolds, George Potter	Sullivan, Dennis Joseph
Mitchell, Sidney George	Sheeran, James Andrew	Thom, Charles Jefferson
Payne, George Henry	Smith, John Alexander	Volberg, Charles Christian
Perkins, Alfred Thomas	Stephenson, Stanley	Wall, Joseph George
Petersen, Carl Christ'n Aug.	Stoddard, Asa Church	Williams, Edward Alfred
Pettes, William Ethan	Strong, Milton Grosvenor	Woodin, Eugene
Pitchford, John Benjamin	Sturtevant, George	Woodward, Arthur Sedley

—56.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

Pattison, Edward Adolphus—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Gewer, August—1.

DIED:

Manheim, Isaac—1.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report	53	Susp. for non-payment of dues...	1
Exalted.....	5—58.	Died	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	56—58.

TULARE CHAPTER, No. 71.

Tulare, Tulare County.

*Stated Meetings, second and fourth Mondays in each month.***OFFICERS :**

John Albert Goble, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Geo. Washington Zartman, <i>Pr. Sojourner</i> ,
William Pierce Ratliff, <i>King</i> ,	Joseph Henry Warner, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Basil Gaither Parker, <i>Sorte</i> ,	Robert Lincoln Reid, <i>Master 8d Vail</i> ,
Edward Oakford, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Anson Parsons Hall, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Samuel Richardson, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Charles Ferdinand Taggart, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Jacob Franklin Boller, <i>Captain of Host</i> ,	Emmet Barber, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests :

George Washington Zartman,	Jacob Franklin Boller,	Randolph Ray.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Allen, William Stanford	Kramer, Alexander Sanes	Shaklee, Joseph Wilson
Arnold, James	Maples, Thomson William	Smith, William Lenor
Blythe, Samuel Allison	Madden, David Washington	Slitz, John Jacob
Crowell, William Albert	Madden, Wash'ton Douglass	Taggart, Thomas Erwin
Deitrick, James	Main, William Henry	Wallace, Hamilton
Eckles, John Graham	McMillan, Robert Thompson	Wilson, John Lewis
Faust, Geo. Andrew Willis	Mitchell, Mike	Wolfrom, Jacob
Gowanlock, James	Oakes, Frederick Orrick	Woodruff, David Seymour
Hardie, Phillip Gosil	Russell, Calvin Louis	—39.

WITHDRAWN :

Creelman, Andrew Thompson—1.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....	40	Withdrawn.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll	39—40.

CROWN CHAPTER, No. 72.

Pasadena, Los Angeles County.

Stated Meetings, second Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Eugene Cook Griffith, *High Priest*,
 Edward Everett Gaylord, *King*,
 John Richard Slater, *Scribe*,
 Sherman Washburn, *Treasurer*,
 Ernest Heath May, *Secretary*,
 Patrick Brown, *Capt. of the Host*,

Charles Henry Keyes, *Prin. Sojourner*,
 Thomas Henry Webster, *R. A. Captain*,
 Alonzo Ebenezer Bisbee, *Master 3d Vail*,
 Luther Jenney Crowell, *Master 2d Vail*,
 Albert Wilson Roche, *Master 1st Vail*,
 Alfred Thorns, *Guard*.

Past High Priests:

Romayne Williams,
 Florin Leslie Jones,

Arthur Henry Conger,

Amos Myron Collia.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Arnold, Delos
 Atlee, William Augustus
 Banbury, Jabez
 Bettes, Adoniram Munroe
 Biles, Frederick Eugene
 Bonham, Perry Pollock
 Bonner, Lewis Henry
 Brown, Charles Cowan
 Clapp, William Taylor
 Cole, Galusha M
 Conger, Everett Lorentus
 De Pencier, Silas Theodore
 Drake, Alexander Cooper
 Foshay, James A
 Frary, Leander Warren
 Freeman, Oscar Otto
 Gabriel, Horatio Mortimer
 Gardner, Charles Andrus
 Goltman, Thomas Winches'r
 Gray, Francis Edward
 Greeley, George Augustus
 Grinnell, Fordyce

Hartwell, John Lovekin
 Hodge, Jacob Sylvester
 Holmes, James Huston
 Hughes, James Barr
 Jacobs, Julius Albert
 Klock, Aaron Robert
 Longley, Leonell Anzoletto
 MacIntock, John Russell
 Magee, Harvey W
 Martin, Thomas Jefferson
 McDonald, John
 McGilvray, William Donald
 McLachlan, James
 Mohr, Richard Jacob
 Morris, Homer
 Mosher, Evan
 Ocheltree, Gilbert Brydon
 Ottman, Gilber Almon
 Patten, George Downing
 Perry, Miles John
 Pierce, Edward Timothy

Porter, Lafayette Seward
 Rhodes, Charles Hilliard
 Rockwood, Frederick Leslie
 Rose, Henry Howard
 Sandham, Frederick
 Smith, Charles Arnett
 Stell, Peter
 Swift, Charles
 Vail, Hervey J
 Vallette, Frank Henry
 Vlier, John Kasper
 Wakeley, Alfred
 Wakeley, William Henry
 Weed, Oscar F
 Willett, Charles Joseph
 Winter, Thaddeus
 Wood, Almon
 Woodward, William Lewis
 Wotkyns, Walter Livingston
 Wright, George Elmer
 Wright, Walter Savage—80.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

Miller, George—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Bailey, Robert Watkins
 Bley, Alph'se Albert Willits

McAllister, William L
 Slaughter, Herbert Jerome

Slaughter, Robert Coleman
 Twitchell, John French—6

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Baker, John Hamilton

White, Elton—2.

DIED:

McGregory, Willard Gilbert—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	82	Withdrawn.....	6
Exalted.....	5	Susp. for non-payment of dues..	2
Affiliated.....	2—89.	Died	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	80—89.

ORANGE CHAPTER, No. 73.

Santa Ana, Orange County.

Stated Meetings, Saturday on or before Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

James William Towner, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Isaac Lea Collins, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Herbert Curtis Hill, <i>King</i> ,	John Rink Paul, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
George Warren Weeks, <i>Scribe</i> ,	———, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Ira D Mills, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Nathaniel Mills Perry Close, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
George Akerman Whidden, <i>Secretary</i> ,	John Saxton Haywood, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Allen Jefferson Wood, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Erastus Clinton Jones, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Carlos Frederick Mansur, James William Towner.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Ball, Charles Dexter	Fife, Charles Cordelia	Peabody, Henry Adams
Boyd, James Patton	Fosdick, Henry Osro	Pos, William de Ronder
Chilton, Robert Francis	Hewett, Roscoe Edwin	Rotan, John Albert
Cone, Thomas Edward	Hill, Samuel	Smith, James Thompson
Culver, James Reed	Hogle, George Frederick	Snyder, Andrew
Davis, Phillip	Lamson, William Branford	Townsend, Benj. Franklin
Dorman, Dudley Marvin	Mead, Charles Abiel	Wade, Reuben Alex. Slavin
Dryer, John Lewis	Medlock, James Randolph	West, Zephaniah B
Edwards, William Rose	Mendelson, Marks	Woods, William Bell—41.
Fairbanks, Harlan	Menges, Marion Albert	

FAST MASTER:

Gildmacher, Levi—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Lacy, John McLellan—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Dye, George Ellery McIntier, Edgar Q Smith, Samuel Franklin—3.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	38	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted	5	Susp. for non-payment of dues....	3
Affiliated	2—45.	Now borne upon the roll.....	41—45.

HANFORD CHAPTER, No. 74.**Hanford, Kings County.***Stated Meetings, Tuesday on or after Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Lucius Ely Felton, <i>High Priest,</i>	Emmet Molet Friant, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Adolphus Gustavus Dollenmayer, <i>King,</i>	Reuben Edward Starkweather, <i>R. A. Capt.,</i>
Joseph Talbot McJunkin, <i>Scribe,</i>	John O Augsbury, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Robert William Musgrave, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Louis David Nathan, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Lewis O Dunham, <i>Secretary,</i>	John Henry Melone, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
William Henry Oamp, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Joshua Benadom, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priest:

Lucius Ely Felton.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Blakeley, Francis Algene	Harbaugh, Will Richard	Newman, Samuel Jacob
Brown, Charles Rose	Henderson, Charles Uduy	Rafailovich, Nicholas M
Crigler, John Christopher	Hobler, Charles Jones	Robinson, James Shaw
Goodman, Joseph	Isaac, Frederick Neville	Shore, Gilbert Edward
Hackett, Henry	Nathan, Herman	Trewhitt, Wayne Douglas

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MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

Linsley, Charles Shelton—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Dollenmayer, Edwin Y

Van Valkenburgh, Charles O—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....25	Withdrawn..... 2
Exalted..... 3	Now borne upon the roll.....27—29.
Affiliated..... 1—29.	

KERN VALLEY CHAPTER, No. 75.**Bakersfield, Kern County.***Stated Meetings, first and third Wednesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Alvah Russell Conklin, <i>High Priest,</i>	William Harris Cook, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Benjamin Brundage, <i>King,</i>	Daniel Bernard Jerrue, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
Wirt Robinson Macmurdo, <i>Scribe,</i>	Claes Alex. Schmeldte, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
John M Keith, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Emil Dinkelspiel, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
John Chambers Morrison, <i>Secretary,</i>	Albert Clement Maud, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Julius Jacob Mack, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	—— ———, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priest:

Alvah Russell Conklin.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:Deacon, William Emmett
Dinkelspiel, Louis MJewett, Philo Dennis Nicholson, Edw'd James H.
Miller, Isaac Leffler —16.**MARK MASTER:**

Green, Francis Harrison—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....9	Now borne upon the roll.....16.
Exalted .....5	
Affiliated2—16.	

POMONA CHAPTER, U. D.

Pomona, Los Angeles County.

*Stated Meetings, second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Henry James Nichols, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William Horatio Sanders, <i>Prin. Sefourner</i> ,
James Alexander Drifill, <i>King</i> ,	Charles Giles Kellogg, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
William Thomas Martin, <i>Scribe</i> ,	John Wasson, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Francis Asbury Molineaux, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Ethan Allen Hubbard, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Selden Irving Ford, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Erastus Taylor Manchester, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Edw'd Henry Hutchinson, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	John George Robertson, <i>Guard</i> .

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adams, Franklin White	Dole, John Henry	Heath, George
Brookman, Arthur	Garcelon, Frank	Howeth, Virgil Andrew
Camp, John Bradford	Given, Bryce Morrow	Packard, John Elwood
Cook, John William	Hansen, Hans Broderson	Soper, William Wallace—24.

MARK MASTERS:

Brasher, Horace Clyde Garthside, Joseph Relton—2.

RECAPITULATION:

Petitioners for dispensation21	Now borne upon the roll.....24.
Affiliated3—24.	

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WITH A SUMMARY OF THEIR RETURNS FOR THE TERM, TWELVE MONTHS, ENDING JANUARY 31, A. I. 2424.

NAMES OF CHAPTERS.	No. Chapter.	PLACE OF LOCATION.		DATE WHEN CHARTER WAS ORDERED.	Marked.	Passed.	Received.	Excluded.	Amited.	Restored.	Withdrawn.	Excluded.	Suspension pay of dues	Sus. Un. Con.	Expelled.	Died.	M. Masters.	Past Masters.	M. E. Masters.	R. A. Masters.	Dues to Gr. Chapter.
		TOWN.	COUNTY.																		
1 SAN FRANCISCO,	1	San Francisco,	San Francisco,	July 26, 1864.	33	33	33	33	2	2	9	1	10	1	11	11	..	..	..	434	\$325 50
2 SONORA,	2	Sonora,	Tuolumne,	" " "	33	33	33	33	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	39	29 25
3 SACRAMENTO,	3	Sacramento,	Sacramento,	" " "	8	8	8	8	3	3	1	1	8	1	2	1	..	..	..	269	201 75
4 EL DORADO,	4	El Dorado,	El Dorado,	April 30, 1855.	26	26	26	26	8	8	2	2	4	..	11	1	..	..	..	634	400 50
5 CALIFORNIA,	5	San Francisco,	San Francisco,	" " "	26	26	26	26	8	8	2	2	4	..	11	1	..	..	..	59	44 25
6 NEVADA,	6	Nevada,	Nevada, .....	" " "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	..	..	..	20	15 00
7 BENICIA,	7	Benicia,	Solano, .....	" " "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	..	..	..	58	45 50
8 COLUMBIA,	8	Columbia,	Tuolumne, .....	" " "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	..	..	..	..	..
9 SHASTA,	9	Shasta,	Shasta,	" " "	8	8	8	8	1	1	..	..	6	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
10 FOREST,	10	Forest City,	Sierra, .....	" " "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	..	..	..	..	..
11 SUTTER,	11	Sutter Creek,	Amador,	May 3, 1856.	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	42	31 50
12 MERCED,	12	Merced,	Merced,	" " "	2	2	2	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	44	33 00
13 MARYVILLE,	13	Maryville,	Yuba,	" " "	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	3	1	..	..	..	124	93 00
14 HOWARD,	14	San Jose,	Santa Clara,	" " "	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	131	98 25
15 CYRUS,	15	Yreka,	Siakiyou,	" " "	4	4	4	4	2	2	1	1	1	..	2	2	..	..	..	72	54 00
16 ST. JAMES,	16	Placerville,	El Dorado,	May 8, 1857.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	85	26 25
17 LEANUS,	17	Iowa Hill,	Placer, .....	" " "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	1	..	..	..	25	18 75
18 GRASS VALLEY,	18	Grass Valley,	Nevada,	May 7, 1858.	3	3	3	3	2	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	78	57 00
19 TRINITY,	19	Weaverville,	Trinity, .....	" " "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	28	21 00
20 FRANKLIN,	20	Oroville,	Butte,	" " "	2	2	2	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	2	2	..	..	..	77	57 75
21 SIERRA,	21	Downville,	Sierra, .....	" " "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	24 00
22 PETALUMA,	22	Petaluma,	Sonoma, .....	" " "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	64	48 00
23 OLIVER,	23	Forest Hill,	Placer,	May 6, 1859.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	11 25
24 LA FAYETTE,	24	Camptonville,	Yuba, .....	" " "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	19 50
25 GEORGETOWN,	25	Georgetown,	El Dorado,	May 4, 1860.	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..
26 OAKLAND,	26	Oakland,	Alameda,	" 5, "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
27 DELTA,	27	Auburn,	Placer,	May 10, 1861.	..	..	..	..	4	4	2	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	35	26 25

LIST OF CHAPTERS NOW IN EXISTENCE—CONCLUDED.

NAMES OF CHAPTERS.	No. Chapter.	PLACE OF LOCATION.		DATE WHEN CHARTER WAS ORDERED.	Marked.	Passed.	Received.	Exalted.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Withdrawn.	Excluded.	Sub. for non- pay ¹ of dues.	Sub. U. n. Con.	Expelled.	Died.	M. Masons.	Past Masters.	M. E. Masons.	R. A. Masons.	Dues to Gr. Chapter.	
		TOWN.	COUNTY.																			
57 DONIC.....	66	San Leandro,...	Alameda,...	April 29, 1885.	3	3	3	3	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	54	40 50	
58 RIVERSIDE.....	67	Riverside,...	Riverside,...	April 26, 1886.	5	5	5	5	5	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	62	48 50	
59 HOLLISTER.....	68	Hollister,...	San Benito,...	" "	6	6	6	6	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36	27 00	
60 TRIGO.....	69	Fresno,...	Fresno,...	April 27, 1887.	3	3	3	3	3	3	—	—	6	1	—	—	—	—	—	77	57 75	
61 ALAMEDA.....	70	Alameda,...	Alameda,...	" "	4	4	4	4	4	5	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	56	43 00	
62 TULARE.....	71	Tulare,...	Tulare,...	April 17, 1889.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	39	29 25	
63 CROWN.....	72	Pasadena,...	Los Angeles,...	" "	6	6	6	6	6	2	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	80	60 00	
64 ORANGE.....	73	Santa Ana,...	Orange,...	April, 22, 1891.	3	4	5	5	5	2	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	41	30 75	
65 HANFORD.....	74	Hanford,...	Kings,...	April 19, 1893.	4	4	4	4	4	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	27	20 25	
66 KERN VALLEY.....	75	Bakersfield,...	Kern,...	" "	4	5	5	5	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	12 00	
67 POMONA.....	76	Pomona,...	Los Angeles,...	April 18, 1894.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	18 00	
					242	240	233	228	102	13	72	26	83	1	—	—	82	16	19	13	612	3894 00

* Charter surrendered.

† Charter revoked.

‡ Consolidated with Sonoma, No. 2.

¶ Consolidated with Alameda, No. 86, under name of Oakland, No. 86.

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New York,.....	ORVILLE F. RANDOLPH,.....	Penn Yan ;
North Carolina,.....	WILLIAM R. KEENAN,.....	Wilmington ;
North Dakota,.....	DRAPER A. LINDSEY,.....	Fargo ;
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Oregon,.....	WILLIAM A. BANTZ,.....	Portland ;
Pennsylvania,.....	J. SIMPSON AFRICA,.....	Philadelphia ;
Quebec,.....	FRANK EDGAR,.....	Montreal ;
Rhode Island,.....	OSMOND H. BRIGGS,.....	Pawtucket ;
South Carolina,.....	AUGUSTIN T. SMYTHE,.....	Charleston ;
South Dakota,.....	PETER C. MURPHY,.....	Brookings ;
Tennessee,.....	ANGEL S. MYERS,.....	Memphis ;
Texas,.....	A. S. RICHARDSON,.....	Houston ;
Vermont,.....	THEODORE S. PECK,.....	Burlington ;
Virginia,.....	WILLIAM B. ISAACS,.....	Richmond ;
Washington,.....	LOUIS ZEIGLER,.....	Spokane Falls ;
West Virginia,.....	KEPHART D. WALKER,.....	Fairmont ;
Wisconsin,.....	HORACE E. MANN,.....	Marquette.

GRAND CHAPTERS

IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE

GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA.

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ALABAMA,.....	HENRY CLAY ARMSTRONG,.....	Montgomery.
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IOWA,.....	ALF. WINGATE,.....	Des Moines.
KANSAS,.....	JACOB DE WITT,.....	Salina.
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MAINE,.....	STEPHEN BERRY,.....	Portland.
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TENNESSEE,	WM. A. CLENDINING,.....	Nashville.
TEXAS,.....	GEORGE LOPAS,.....	Houston.
VERMONT,.....	WARREN G. REYNOLDS,.....	Burlington.
VICTORIA,.....	T. H. LEMPRIERE,.....	Melbourne.
VIRGINIA,.....	W. B. ISAACS,.....	Richmond.
WASHINGTON,.....	YANCEY O. BLALOCK,	Walla Walla.
WEST VIRGINIA,.....	ODELL S. LONG,.....	Charleston.
WISCONSIN,...	JOHN W. LAYLIN,.....	Milwaukee.
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GRAND OFFICERS

Elected since the Organization of the Grand Chapter, July 28, A. I. 2384.

1854.

*CHARLES M. RADOLIFF, *Gr. High Priest*. *A. B. HOY,..... *Grand King*.
*JOHN D. CREIGH, *Dep. Grand High Priest*. *HUGH G. PLATT, *Grand Scribe*.

1855.

*JOHN D. CREIGH, ... *Grand High Priest*. *WILLIAM W. TRAYLOR, *Grand King*.
*ISAAC DAVIS, ... *Dep. Grand High Priest*. *LEVERETT BRADLEY, *Grand Scribe*.

1856.

*ORANGE H. DIBBLE, *Grand High Priest*. WHITING G. WEST, *Grand King*.
*W. W. TRAYLOR, *Dep. Grand High Priest*. *JAMES A. JACKSON, *Grand Scribe*.

1857.

*WM. W. TRAYLOR, ... *Grand High Priest*. WHITING G. WEST, *Grand King*.
THOS. H. CASWELL, *Dep. Grand High Priest*. *JAMES A. JACKSON, *Grand Scribe*.

1858.

THOMAS H. CASWELL, *Grand High Priest*. *JAMES A. JACKSON, *Grand King*.
WHITING G. WEST, *Dep. Grand High Priest*. *HENRY HARE HARTLEY, ... *Grand Scribe*.

1859.

WHITING G. WEST, ... *Grand High Priest*. *AARON D. PARK, *Grand King*.
*H. H. HARTLEY, .. *Dep. Grand High Priest*. *LEWIS REYNOLDS, *Grand Scribe*.

1860.

*HENRY H. HARTLEY, *Grand High Priest*. *JAMES W. BICKNELL, *Grand King*.
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, *Dep. Gr. High Priest*. *EZRA HOWARD VAN DECAR, *Grand Scribe*.

1861.

*HENRY H. HARTLEY, *Grand High Priest*. *EZRA HOWARD VAN DECAR, *Grand King*.
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, *Dep. Gr. High Priest*. JOHN KIRKPATRICK, *Grand Scribe*.

1862.

*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, .. *Grand High Priest*. JOHN KIRKPATRICK, *Grand King*.
*EZRA H. VAN DECAR, .. *Dep. Gr. High Priest*. *CHARLES MARSH, *Grand Scribe*.

1863.

*EZRA H. VAN DECAR, .. *Grand High Priest*. *CHARLES MARSH, *Grand King*.
JOHN KIRKPATRICK, .. *Dep. Gr. High Priest*. WILLIAM A. DAVIES, *Grand Scribe*.

1864.

*ISAAC DAVIS, *Grand High Priest*. *CHARLES MARSH, *Grand King*.
JOHN KIRKPATRICK, *Dep. Gr. High Priest*. WILLIAM A. DAVIES, *Grand Scribe*.

* Deceased.

1865.

JOHN KIRKPATRICK, *Grand High Priest.* WILLIAM A. DAVIES, *Grand King.*
 *CHAS. MARSH, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *ISAAC S. TITUS, *Grand Scribe.*

1866.

*CHARLES MARSH, *Grand High Priest.* *ISAAC S. TITUS, *Grand King.*
 WM. A. DAVIES, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *JOHN W. HARVILLE, *Grand Scribe.*

1867.

*ISAAC S. TITUS, *Grand High Priest.* *JOHN W. HARVILLE, *Grand King.*
 *JAS. A. JACKSON, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* *GEORGE T. GRIMES, *Grand Scribe.*

1868.

*JOHN W. HARVILLE, *Grand High Priest.* *JAS. LAWRENCE ENGLISH, *Grand King.*
 *GEORGE T. GRIMES, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* JACOB H. NEFF, *Grand Scribe.*

1870.

*GEORGE T. GRIMES, *Grand High Priest.* JACOB H. NEFF, *Grand King.*
 *JAS. LAW. ENGLISH, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* STEPHEN WING, *Grand Scribe.*

1871.

*JAS. L. ENGLISH, *Grand High Priest.* STEPHEN WING, *Grand King.*
 JACOB H. NEFF, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* *JOSEPH ISAACS, *Grand Scribe.*

1872.

JACOB H. NEFF, *Grand High Priest.* WM. THOMAS REYNOLDS, *Grand King.*
 *JOSEPH ISAACS, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* WM. ALEXANDER JANUARY, *Grand Scribe.*

1873.

WM. A. DAVIES, *Grand High Priest.* WM. THOMAS REYNOLDS, *Grand King.*
 *JOSEPH ISAACS, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* WM. ALEXANDER JANUARY, *Grand Scribe.*

1874.

WM. ALEX. JANUARY, *Grand High Priest.* JOHN MILLS BROWNE, *Grand King.*
 WM. T. REYNOLDS, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* HENRY HAY KNAPP, *Grand Scribe.*

1875.

WM. T. REYNOLDS, *Grand High Priest.* HENRY HAY KNAPP, *Grand King.*
 *ALEX. G. ABELL, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* NATHAN W. SPAULDING, *Grand Scribe.*

1876.

*ALEX. G. ABELL, *Grand High Priest.* JOHN MILLS BROWNE, *Grand King.*
 HENRY HAY KNAPP, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* NATHAN W. SPAULDING, *Grand Scribe.*

1877.

HENRY HAY KNAPP, *Grand High Priest.* NATHAN W. SPAULDING, *Grand King.*
 JOHN MILLS BROWNE, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* WILEY JAMES TINNIN, *Grand Scribe.*

1878.

JOHN MILLS BROWNE, *Grand High Priest.* WILEY JAMES TINNIN, *Grand King.*
 NATHAN W. SPAULDING, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* HENRY SAYRE ORME, *Grand Scribe.*

1879.

NATHAN W. SPAULDING, *Gr. High Priest.* HENRY SAYRE ORME, *Grand King.*
 WILEY JAMES TINNIN, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, *Grand Scribe.*

*Deceased.

1880.

WILKY JAMES TINNIN, *Gr. High Priest.* WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, *Grand King.*
HENRY SAYRE ORME, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* *LEONIDAS E PRATT..., *Grand Scribe.*

1881.

HENRY SAYRE ORME, *Grand High Priest.* *LEONIDAS E PRATT,.....*Grand King.*
WM. MONROE PETRIE, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* *JONATHAN DOAN HINES, *Grand Scribe.*

1882.

WM. MONROE PETRIE, *Grand High Priest.* *JONATHAN DOAN HINES, *Grand King.*
*LEONIDAS E PRATT, *D. Grand High Priest.* EDWARD COLEMAN,.....*Grand Scribe.*

1883.

*LEONIDAS E PRATT, *Grand High Priest.* EDWARD COLEMAN,.....*Grand King.*
*JONATHAN DOAN HINES, *D. Gr. H. Priest.* BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE, *Gr. Scribe.*

1884.

*JONATHAN DOAN HINES, *Grand H. Priest.* BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE, *Gr. King.*
EDWARD COLEMAN, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* *MICHAEL JAMES KEATING, *Grand Scribe.*

1885.

EDWARD COLEMAN, *Grand High Priest.* *MICHAEL JAMES KEATING, *Grand King.*
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE, *D. G. H. P.* WILLIAM THOMPSON LUTHER, *Gr. Scribe.*

1886.

BENJAMIN F. TUTTLE, *Grand High Priest.* WM. THOMPSON LUTHER, *Grand King.*
*MICHAEL JAS. KEATING, *D. G. H. Priest.* WILLIAM VANDERHURST, *Grand Scribe.*

1887.

*MICHAEL JAMES KEATING, *G. High Priest.* WILLIAM VANDERHURST, *Grand King.*
WM. THOMPSON LUTHER, *D. Gr. H. Priest.* *CARNOT COURTLAND MASON, *Gr. Scribe.*

1888.

WILLIAM THOMPSON LUTHER, *G. H. Priest.* *CARNOT COURTLAND MASON, *Grand King.*
WILLIAM VANDERHURST, *D. Gr. H. Priest.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, *Grand Scribe.*

1889.

WILLIAM VANDERHURST, *G. High Priest.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, *Grand King.*
*CARNOT COURTLAND MASON, *D. G. H. P.* MILTON HILLS MYRICK, *Grand Scribe.*

1890.

FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, *Gr. High Priest.* WILLIAM BUCKLEY DAVIS, *Grand King.*
MILTON HILLS MYRICK, *Dep. Gr. H. P.* CHARLES RAY GRITMAN, *Grand Scribe.*

1891.

MILTON HILLS MYRICK, *Gr. High Priest.* CHARLES RAY GRITMAN, *Grand King.*
WM. BUCKLEY DAVIS, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD, *Gr. Scribe.*

1892.

WILLIAM BUCKLEY DAVIS, *Gr. High Priest.* ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD, *Gr. King.*
CHARLES RAY GRITMAN, *D. G. High Priest.* ADOLPHUS HEWEL, *Grand Scribe.*

*Deceased.

1893.

CHARLES RAY GRITMAN, *Gr. High Priest.* ADOLPHUS HEWEL,.....*Grand King.*
ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD, *D. G. H. P.* THOMAS FLINT, SR.,.....*Grand Scribe.*

1894.

ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD, *G. H. Priest.* THOMAS FLINT, SR.,.....*Grand King.*
ADOLPHUS HEWEL, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,...*Grand Scribe.*

GRAND CONVENTION
OF THE
ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTS
OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Thirty-fifth Annual Grand Convention.

The thirty-fifth Annual Grand Convention of the Order of High Priests of the State of California assembled at the Masonic Temple, on Tuesday, the seventeenth day of April, 1894, at eight o'clock, P. M.

There were present the following

OFFICERS:

The M. E. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....*President;*
" R. E. JACOB HART NEFF,.....*Vice President;*
" R. E. THOMAS KYLE,.....*Chaplain;*
" R. E. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE,.....*Treasurer;*
" R. E. THEODORE EDWARD SMITH,.....*Recorder;*
" R. E. STEPHEN WING,.....*Master of Ceremonies;*
" R. E. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....*Conductor;*
" R. E. ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD,.....*Steward.*

Also Companions ELI TUCKER BLACKMER, EDWARD COLEMAN, JOHN CRISP COLEMAN, WILLIAM HENRY GUNSOLUS, POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON, JOSEPH MILLER LITCHFIELD, JAMES WILLIAM TOWNER and AUGUST WACKERBARTH.

The M. E. President made the following appointment *pro tempore*:—

Companion ELI TUCKER BLACKMER.....*Herald.*

And the Grand Convention opened in *Due Form.*

The reading of the minutes of proceedings of the last Annual Grand Convention was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

Applications, accompanied by the proper certificates, were received from the following named Companions :—

DAVID CHARLES SMITH,.....	High Priest of <i>San Francisco</i> Chapter, No. 1			
JOHN ALLEN HOSMER,.....	" " " <i>California</i>	"	"	5
FREDERICK N GILES,.....	" " " <i>Napa</i>	"	"	30
EDWARD ANTHONY PREUSS,.....	" " " <i>Los Angeles</i>	"	"	33
FRANCIS HENRY E. O'DONNELL,.....	" " " <i>Oakland</i>	"	"	36
JOHN WILLIAM MCFADYEN,.....	" " " <i>Dixon</i>	"	"	48
JAMES GODFREY DECATUR,.....	" " " <i>San Diego</i>	"	"	61
FLORIN LESLIE JONES,.....	Past " " " <i>Crown</i>	"	"	72

Which applications were referred to a committee consisting of Companions EDWARD COLEMAN, POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON and WILLIAM HENRY GUNSOLUS.

After due consideration the committee reported favorably; whereupon the applicants were balloted for and duly elected to receive the Order of High Priesthood.

Companions DAVID CHARLES SMITH, JOHN ALLEN HOSMER, FREDERICK N GILES, EDWARD ANTHONY PREUSS, FRANCIS HENRY E. O'DONNELL, JOHN WILLIAM MCFADYEN, JAMES GODFREY DECATUR and FLORIN LESLIE JONES were severally introduced and received the Order of High Priesthood.

The R. E. JACOB HART NEFF, in a few appropriate remarks, announced the death of our late Herald, the R. E. DAVID PUGH MARSHALL, which was referred to the following special committee:

FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,
STEPHEN WING,
JACOB HART NEFF.

The Recorder reported the

RECEIPTS :

Fees from candidates.....\$40 00

DISBURSEMENTS :

Janitor.....	\$ 5 00
Recorder.....	10 00
	<hr/> 15 00
Leaving a balance of.	\$25 00

Comp. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, from the Special Committee, presented the following report :

To the M. E. President, Officers and Members of the Order of High Priests of California:—

The subject of this brief memoir, our friend and companion, DAVID PUGH MARSHALL, commenced his earthly career in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1822. Of Quaker parentage, he inherited those sterling qualities for which that noble sect is especially noted, and which characterized our companion as the embodiment and soul of honor, integrity, justice and charity.

Patriotism and love of country were firmly grounded in his nature, and we find him, as a young man, enlisted in the Mexican war, under the banner of Col. Jack Hayes, the fearless Commander of that well known band of "Texas Rangers."

Soon after that we find him engaged in mining enterprise in our adopted home, California. In 1861 he came to this city, where for thirty-two successive years, up to the time of his demise, *January 20, 1894*, he was connected with the San Francisco Gaslight Co., and recognized by that company as a man of ability, thoroughly conscientious and honest to his employers, just, charitable and kind to those under him. He was quiet in his demeanor, but when occasion required, his true nature shone forth in defense of principle and the right, with all the ardor, bravery and courage which command respect and admiration.

His marriage in this city to one who also sprung from Quaker lineage, proved to be an element of sincere happiness in his social and domestic relations.

His Masonic career commenced in 1858, when *Light* was revealed to him in *Rising Star Lodge*, No. 83, located at what was then known as Todd's Valley, Placer Co., California. After becoming a resident of this city he affiliated with *California Lodge*, No. 1, F. & A. M., and *California Chapter*, No. 5, R. A. M. He received the Orders of Knighthood in *California Commandery*, No. 1, K. T., in 1862, and the degrees of Royal and Select Master in *California Council*, No. 2, in 1863. His Masonic worth being recognized he was chosen to represent the Chapter as its High Priest for the years 1887 and 1888. He also served the Council as its Thrice Illustrious Master for 1886. Both these positions he filled with credit to himself and honor to the Craft. On April 26, 1887, he was admitted and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood, and at the Convention of High Priests on April 17, 1888, he was elected to the office of Herald of that body, which he worthily and satisfactorily filled during the remainder of his earthly sojourn.

At the time of his demise he was also the Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Selected Masters of California. He leaves behind him the record of being a good man, kind and devoted husband, faithful and loyal friend, and a firm believer in the principles and tenets of Freemasonry.

Friend, Brother and Companion—hail and farewell.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANKLIN H. DAY,	} <i>Committee.</i>
STEPHEN WING,	
JACOB HART NEFF,	

Which report was unanimously adopted.

The next business in order being the election of officers for the ensuing year, the M. E. President appointed as tellers, Companions STEPHEN WING and FRANKLIN HENRY DAY.

Ballots being taken the following named Companions were declared duly elected:—

The M. E. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....*President;*
 " R. E. JACOB HART NWFF,.....*Vice-President;*
 " R. E. THOMAS KYLE,.....*Chaplain;*
 " R. E. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE,.....*Treasurer;*
 " R. E. THEODORE EDWARD SMITH,*Recorder;*
 " R. E. STEPHEN WING,.....*Master of Ceremonies;*
 " R. E. ELI TUCKER BLACKMER,.....*Herald;*
 " R. E. ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD,.....*Steward.*

The officers elected were then regularly installed.

There being no further business, the minutes were approved and the Grand Convention closed in *Due Form.*

THEODORE EDWARD SMITH,
Recorder.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

OF THE

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" R. E. ELI TUCKER BLACKMER,.....	<i>Herald;</i>
" R. E. ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD,.....	<i>Steward.</i>

MEMBERS:

Adams, Frederick	Burke, John Martin	Dietterle, George
Aitken, Robert	Burr, Richard Palmer	Dobrowsky, Adolph
Akerly, Benjamin	Bush, Charles Wilson	Douglas, William John
Alexander, John King	Bystle, Daniel Potter	Drullard, Thompson Wilson
Anderson, James Wright	Campbell, Doran Lucius	Dundas, Moubray Robert
Anthony, Edward Taylor	Castleman, John Saxon	Dunn, Daniel O
Ascroft, Henry	Caswell, Thomas Hubbard	Eppinger, Herman
Ash, Robert	Chalmers, Alexander	Flint, Thomas, Sr.
Barker, William	Clements, John	Flint, Thomas, Jr.
Barnard, John Kirk	Cohn, Louis	Foy, Samuel Calvert
Barrs, Frederick Ferdinand	Coleman, Edward	Gamble, William W
Beard, Elihu Barritt	Coleman, John Crisp	Gardner, Elias Delevan
Begole, William Augustus	Collis, Amos Myron	Geil, Samuel Franklin
Bellamy, Benson Clark	Crawford, Isaac Samuel	Giles, Frederick N
Blabee, John Gould	Crawford, James Seth	Gillett, Charles Edwin
Bishop, Amasa Wright	Cressey, Edward Potter	Glover, James Russell
Black, Samuel Thorburn	Crocker, Nathan	Goldsworthy, John
Bradford, William P	Culbertson, Albert Thom'n	Graham, Thomas Jefferson
Bradford, Alex. Buchanan	Cunningham, Rob't Gilmore	Graves, Hiram Throop
Bragg, Ansel Melen	Cutler, Thomas Barnes	Green, Kaufman
Brooks, Frank Howard	Davis, William Buckley	Gritman, Charles Ray
Browne, John Mills	Davis, William Henry	Gunsolus, William Henry
Broder, Robert Chidley	Dauchy, Arthur Homer	Halsey, Abraham
Bryant, Allan	Decatur, James Godfrey	Hare, Edward Taylor

Harmon, Rufus Burnham	Long, William Giles	Rodgers, Edwin Aldrich
Hartnell, Uldarico	Lott, Charles Fayette	Rogers, Samuel Josiah S.
Haskell, John Condit	Luther, William Thompson	Rolfe, Ianthis Jerome
Haskell, William Barnabas	Lyman, Wm. Withinglam	Rooney, Robert Fleming
Hayward, Alvinza	Mann, Orrin Francis	Rucker, Hiram Newton
Hedges, Edward Richards	Mannon, James Milton	Seely, John Ambrose
Hellwig, Charles John	Mansur, Carlos Frederick	Skinner, John Dodd
Hewel, Adolphus	Marsh, Martin Luthur	Smith, David Charles
Hiller, John N	McBride, John Storer	Soule, Wm. Lloyd Garrison
Hinds, Peter Richmond	McDaniel, Roland Jackson	Spaulding, Nathan Weston
Hosmer, John Allen	McFadyen, John William	Stansfield, Halstead
Hudson, William Gordon	McFarland, Abel	Steel, Thomas Hugh
Hunnewell, Freeman	McFarland, Thos. Alonzo	Sternheim, Samuel
Hurley, John	McKenzie, George Alex.	Storey, William Bainbridge
Hyman, Jacob, Jr.	Mehon, Morris	Stout, George Washington
Irwin, Alexander Cameron	Menzies, Stewart	Surface, John Whitten
Jones, Florin Leslie	Merrill, Nathaniel	Sweaney, John
Kay, Wallace	Murphy, Charles Henry	Taylor, Clay Webster
Keller, Henry A	Myrick, Milton Hills	Thompson, John Waldo
Kellogg, Cornelius	O'Donnell, Francis H'y E	Tinnin, Wiley James
Kennedy, George Edwin	Orme, Henry Sayre	Towner, James William
Kincaid, Isaac Philanson	Patton, Charles Lewis	Vanderburst, William
Kincade, John Thompson	Petrie, William Monroe	Variel, Joshua Hutchings
King, Charles James	Peirce, William Frank	Variel, Robert Fauntleroy
Kirkpatrick, John	Prager, Samuel	Voorhies, Edw. Converse
Knapp, Henry Hay	Preuss, Edward Anthony	Wackerbarth, August
Knight, George Horace	Purdy, John Elbridge	Wagener, Samuel Hopkins
Knorp, Albert Frederick	Quire, Joseph Spencer	Walbridge, John Morris
Last, Carl Fred'k Augustus	Rackliffe, Levi	Walker, James
Lawson, Powell Samuel	Ready, Philip Francis	Waters, James
Lemmon, Allen Bosely	Ream, Daniel	Webster, James Ashley
Lewis, James Clinton	Reed, Albert Levi	Weil, Joseph
Litchfield, Joseph Miller	Redpath, Robert	Weymouth, Jas. Lambert
Lithgow, John	Robertson, Henry David	Wilhelm, Theodore Henry
Locke, Isaac Stanwood	Rock, John William	Wilson, Thomas Jefferson

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DIED:

Crouch, Robert	Schwartz, Louis	Whitney, George Edwin—4.
Marshall, David Pugh		

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THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, San Francisco.

Address of the Grand Lecturer:

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, San Francisco.

NOTICE.

The Forty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of California will be holden at the Masonic Temple, in the City of San Francisco, commencing on Tuesday, the sixteenth day of April, A. L. 2425, A. D. 1895, at 10 o'clock A. M.

THOMAS H. CASWELL,

Grand Secretary.



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Grand Chapter of California.

I, THOMAS H. CASWELL, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California, do hereby certify that the following pages contain a true and faithful transcript of the proceedings of that Body, at its Forty-first Annual Convocation, commenced at the City of San Francisco on Tuesday, the sixteenth day of April, A. D. 1895, A. I. 2425, and of the returns of the subordinate Chapters and other matters authorized to be published.



In Testimony Whereof,

I have hereunto appended my official signature, and have affixed the Seal of the Grand Chapter of the State of California, at the City of San Francisco, this twenty-fifth day of April, A. D. 1895, A. I. 2425.

Thos H. Caswell,

Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
OF
Royal Arch Masons

OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
AT ITS
FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

HELD AT THE
Masonic Temple, City of San Francisco ;

COMMENCED ON
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OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

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For the year commencing April, A. I. 2425, and ending April, A. I. 2426.

M. E. ADOLPHUS HEWEL,.....GRAND HIGH PRIEST,.....*Modesto;*
R. E. THOMAS FLINT, SR.,.....DEF. GRAND HIGH PRIEST, *San Juan;*
R. E. WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,..GRAND KING,.....*Oakland;*
R. E. ELI TUCKER BLACKMER,. . .GRAND SCRIBE,.....*San Diego;*
R. E. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,....GRAND TREASURER,..... *San Francisco;*
R. E. THOS. HUBBARD CASWELL,,GRAND SECRETARY,.....*San Francisco;*
E. CHARLES E STONE,.... .GRAND CHAPLAIN,.....*Marysville;*
E. THOS. HUBBARD CASWELL,,GRAND LECTURER,.....*San Francisco;*
E. FLORIN LESLIE JONES,.....GRAND CAPT. OF THE HOST, *Pasadena;*
E. EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAP'N, *Stockton;*
Comp. SAMUEL DAVID MAYER,....GRAND ORGANIST,.....*San Francisco;*
" JAMES OGLESBY,.. .GRAND GUARD,.....*San Francisco.*

GRAND CHAPTER

OF

Royal Arch Masons

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Forty-first Annual Convocation.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California commenced its forty-first Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the City of San Francisco, on Tuesday, the sixteenth day of April, A. D. 1895, A. I. 2425, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Upon calling the roll of members, there were found present the following—

GRAND OFFICERS:

The M. E. ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD,.....*Grand High Priest;*
 " R. E. ADOLPHUS HEWEL,.....*Deputy Grand High Priest;*
 " R. E. THOMAS FLINT, SR.,.....*Grand King;*
 " R. E. WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Scribe;*
 " R. E. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....*Grand Treasurer;*
 " R. E. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,*Grand Secretary;*
 " E. CHARLES E STONE,.....*Grand Chaplain;*
 " E. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,.....*Grand Lecturer;*
 " E. ELI TUCKER BLACKMER,*Grand Capt. of the Host;*
 " E. FLORIN LESLIE JONES.....*Grand Royal Arch Captain;*
 Comp. SAMUEL DAVID MAYER,.....*Grand Organist;*
 " JAMES OGLESBY,.....*Grand Guard:*

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

The M. E. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,.....*Past Grand High Priest;*
 " M. E. JACOB HART NEFF,..... " " " "
 " M. E. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES..... " " " "
 " M. E. WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS,..... " " " "
 " M. E. HENRY HAY KNAPP,..... " " " "
 " M. E. WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,..... " " " "
 " M. E. EDWARD COLEMAN,..... " " " "
 " M. E. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE,..... " " " "
 " M. E. WILLIAM VANDERHURST,..... " " " "
 " M. E. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,..... " " " "
 " M. E. MILTON HILLS MYRICK,..... " " " "
 " R. E. STEPHEN WING,.....*Past Grand King:*

<i>Visalia</i> ,.....	No. 44,.....	EDWARD HARRISON MILES, High Priest.
<i>Santa Rosa</i> ,...No. 45,....	{ CHARLES MARTIN BUMBAUGH, High Priest; ALLAN BRYANT, Past High Priest.	
<i>Lassen</i> ,.....	No. 47,.....	WILLIAM BROCKMAN, High Priest and Past High Priest.
<i>Dixon</i> ,.....	No. 48,.....	JOHN WILLIAM McFADYEN, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Modesto</i> ,.....	No. 49,.....	ADOLPHUS HEWEL, Past High Priest.
<i>Ventura</i> ,.....	No. 50,.....	HENRY ISAAO HOPPIN, Scribe.
<i>Corinthian</i> ,....	No. 51,.....	WILLIAM PRESTON BUTCHER, High Priest.
<i>Humboldt</i> ,.....	No. 52,	EMERY JONATHAN CHAPMAN, High Priest.
<i>Ukiah</i> ,.....	No. 53,	JAMES ROBERT MATHEWS, High Priest.
<i>Keystone</i> ,.....	No. 56,.....	HENRY A KELLER, High Priest and Past High Priest;
<i>Signal</i> ,.....	No. 57,.....	AUGUST WACKERBARTH, P. H. P. and Rep. of the Chap.
<i>Salinas</i> ,.....	No. 59,.....	WILLIAM VANDERHURST, P.H.P. & prox. for H.P., K.&S.
<i>Columbia</i> ,.....	No. 60,..	JOSEPH BAILEY COOKE, High Priest and Past High Priest.
<i>San Diego</i> ,....	No. 61,....	{ ADDISON MORGAN, High Priest; ELI TUCKER BLACKMER, Past High Priest.
<i>San Luis</i> ,.....	No. 62,	WILLIAM HARRISON SPENCER, P. H. P. & Rep. of Chap.
<i>St. Helena</i> ,.....	No. 63,	WILLIAM WHITTINGHAM LYMAN, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Acacia</i> ,.....	No. 64,.....	GEORGE HORACE KNIGHT, P. H. P. & Rep. of the Chap.
<i>Antioch</i> ,.....	No. 65,.....	JOHN THOMAS COX, Scribe.
<i>Riverside</i> ,.....	No. 67,....	{ GEORGE DIMOCK CUNNINGHAM, High Priest. JOHN T JARVIS, Scribe.
<i>Hollister</i> ,.....	No. 68, ...	{ THOMAS FLINT, JR., } Past High Priests. THOMAS FLINT, SR., }
<i>Trigo</i> ,.....	No. 69,.....	GEORGE HAYES MONROE, High Priest.
<i>Crown</i> ,.....	No. 72,....	{ EDWARD EVERETT GAYLORD, High Priest; FLORIN LESLIE JONES, } Past High Priests. AMOS MYRON COLLIS, }
<i>Orange</i> ,.....	No. 73,.....	CARLOS FREDERICK MANSUR, P. H. P. and Rep. of Chap.
<i>Hanford</i> ,.....	No. 74, ...	{ LUCIUS ELY FELTON, High Priest and Past High Priest; ADOLPHUS GUSTAVUS DOLLENMAYER, King.
<i>Kern Valley</i> ,...No. 75,.....	ALVAN RUSSELL CONKLIN, High Priest and P. H. P.	
<i>Pomona</i> ,.....	No. 76,.....	HENRY JAMES NICHOLS, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Redlands</i> ,.....	U. D.,.....	FRANK PIERCE MESERVE, Delegate.

Which report was concurred in, and the companions therein named were admitted to seats.

The reading of the minutes of the last Annual Convocation was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

The Grand High Priest then delivered his Annual Address, as follows :—

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER :—

The steady, unyielding march of time has carried us safely through the toils and pleasures of life, and again, for a season, we have laid aside our usual vocations and come up to counsel and advise together for the best interests of the Royal Craft.

It seems a very brief period since you invested me with the emblems of authority, yet a year has passed, and we have reached another milestone in the journey of life. To some, the year has brought joys and prosperity ; to some, sorrows and adversity ; yet, companions, in our oblations to the "Great I Am," let us all with grateful hearts render thanks for the many mercies and favors extended to us, and invoke His aid to guide and protect us over the rough and rugged paths of life, so that when we pass the veils into the presence of the Supreme Council on High, we may receive the welcome greeting of "Well done."

Many changes have taken place during the twenty years I have been a member of this Grand Chapter. Of the companions who were the active members when I first entered this Grand Chapter but few are here to-day. Many have passed over the silent river ; others, from various causes, have retired from the active duties of Masonry. The few zealous and faithful Craftsmen who, forty-one years ago, organized this Grand Chapter, are all gone from the scenes of life, but the result of their labors remains, and this Grand Chapter owes its high and exalted station to the earnest labor of such pioneer Masons as THOMAS, HOLLUB, RADCLIFF, DAVIS and TRAYLOR, most of whom it was my pleasure to know. Their work was "Good work, Square work."

To those who with me have grown gray in the service of Masonry, the admonition comes, that soon we must present our work for inspection. Has it been such work as will be accepted? Have we "walked upright in our several stations before God and man, squaring our actions by the square of virtue?" Have we used the talents wherewith God has blessed us "as well to His glory as to the welfare of our fellow-creatures?" Have we, by precept and example, endeavored to impress upon the minds of all the practice of the exalted virtues of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth? Have we lived such lives as we would wish others to imitate? If so, then may we hope our work will stand the test of the "Grand Overseer's Square." What account can we give of the sacred trust we received from the Master Workmen who preceded us?

Of the Grand Chapter I can only say, that it has steadily advanced in numbers and influence. From my observations during the past thirty years, I can but be satisfied that the moral standard of Royal Arch Masonry has been advancing upward. Many things that in years past were blots upon its honored name, have been gradually effaced, if not yet entirely eradicated.

There is one evil that more than all others hangs like a cloud upon its good name: Intemperance, that curse of our day, is yet too common among the Craft. Not being fully in favor of radical measures, I can only suggest and recommend that we, one and all, live temperate lives, seeking rather by example than by force to inculcate the cardinal virtue of temperance. Admon-

ish in the kindest manner possible, and by brotherly counsel endeavor to correct the evil.

To those who to-day for the first time enter this Grand Chapter, I extend a cordial welcome. To be a member of this Grand Chapter is an honor of which you may be proud. But you are reminded that with honors come responsibilities. The years pass swiftly, and before you can realize it, the government as well as the honor and reputation of Royal Arch Masonry will be in your keeping. May you strengthen and beautify our mystic temple. Consecrate yourselves to the work of elevating and purifying it from every unworthy influence. Let it be your ambition to leave its record and its history as reputable and unsullied as when our fathers held these places.

As required by the Constitution, I now submit for your consideration an account of my official acts during the past year.

While I accepted the trust with doubts as to my ability to discharge the duties in a manner satisfactory to you, or with credit to myself, it has been my desire to act within the law and for the good of the Craft. Should you find where I have erred, judge with candor and point out the mistakes, that my successors may profit thereby.

BONDS.

Soon after the close of the last Convocation, the bonds of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary were presented to and approved by me, and the same have been placed in the hands of the Finance Committee.

POMONA CHAPTER, No. 76.

On the 21st day of April, 1894, being unable to attend in person, I authorized M. E. HENRY SAYER ORME, Past Grand High Priest, to constitute *Pomona Chapter, No. 76*, located at Pomona, Los Angeles county, which duty he performed on the 16th day of May. From the well-known ability of that companion the work could but be well done, and the Chapter receive good counsel, which facts were demonstrated on my visit to them. The Chapter is in a flourishing condition, pleasantly located, and no contention exists among them, except that "noble contention of who best can work and best agree."

DISPENSATIONS.

May 24, 1894, I issued dispensation to *Stockton Chapter, No. 28*, to use two substitutes.

Same day to *Alluras Chapter, No. 34*, to elect officers at a time other than that named in the Constitution.

January 14, 1895, to *Kern Valley Chapter, No. 75*, to elect officers at a time other than that named in the Constitution.

January 12, 1895, to *Georgetown Chapter, No. 25*, to elect officers at a time other than that named in the Constitution.

March 20, 1895, to *Naval Chapter, No. 35*, to elect King, to fill vacancy caused by failure of Companion elected to qualify.

February 5, 1895, to *Antioch Chapter, No. 65*, to elect officers at a time other than that named in the Constitution.

and the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, the rules and regulations by which the action of the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction shall be governed."

The Grand Lodge has repeatedly decided that a Past Master cannot, in the absence of the Master and Wardens, open the Lodge. (See Anderson's Manual, Decisions 464-465.)

The Grand Chapter has directly passed upon the same question. (See Proceedings 1891, pages 9-85.)

There would be no doubt as to the irregularity of the proceedings, but for the last clause of Section 42 of Article III of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, which reads as follows:—

"In the absence of all these officers (H. P., K. and S.), from a stated Convocation, or a special Convocation legally called, the Junior Past High Priest present may open the Chapter and preside."

From which it will be seen that power is conferred upon a Past High Priest to open the Chapter and preside therein.

While the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter is supreme law, and binding upon all Grand Chapters owing allegiance to it, yet this provision does not seem to be obligatory, but may be exercised when a Grand Chapter so directs. The General Grand Chapter and several Grand Chapters have adopted this provision, but our Grand Chapter has not.

Even admitting that provision to be binding upon all Grand Chapters, it is expressly limited to the Junior Past High Priest present.

In the present case, the Junior Past High Priest present declined to open the Chapter and preside. No other Past High Priest possessed the right to open the Chapter. The proceedings of *Keystone* Chapter, No. 56, at the Convocation of October 8, 1894, were therefor irregular, illegal and void, and the High Priest of said Chapter is directed to proceed *de novo*, as if no such meeting had been held.

Since making this last decision, I notice the same question was raised in the Grand Chapter of Nebraska (session of December, 1894), and there decided, that said provision of the General Grand Chapter Constitution was for the government only of those Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

VISITATIONS.

During the year I have visited officially nineteen Chapters, devoting all the time that I could to that purpose, without too great a sacrifice to my own business, and only regret that my financial circumstances were such as prevented my making more visitations.

It has been my pleasure, and I feel proud of having been the first Grand High Priest to visit many of our Chapters, some of the oldest. We are all so constituted as to desire to see those in authority. Men go miles to look upon the President of our country; so in Masonry, the great body of Royal Arch Masons never see a Grand Officer, and when an opportunity offers they will travel some distance to have the pleasure of meeting and shaking hands with a Grand High Priest. It has been my good fortune to meet many such,

and in the evident manifestations of pleasure exhibited by these companions I feel well rewarded for my labors. It would be useless for me to go into details as to the receptions tendered me by the several Chapters. Everywhere I have received a warm reception and most cordial greeting, and I desire to return my sincere thanks to the companions one and all for the many courtesies extended to me.

Judging from the specimens of skill presented by the various Chapters for my inspection, I have no hesitation in saying that there is a general desire to conform to the requirements of the constitution and ritual. The officers of the several Chapters appear zealous and fully realize the importance of their positions. In the Chapter questions often arise as to the construction of the law—or in regard to the ritual—yet not of sufficient importance to make an application to the Grand High Priest for a ruling. In order to meet such cases, at each meeting, an opportunity has been given the companions to ask questions, which I have endeavored to answer in accordance with our rules, and I have found this course to be very satisfactory to the Chapters. I have discovered a few errors in the work, which were cheerfully corrected by the companions when pointed out.

A number of appointments I was compelled to cancel owing to the severe storms and floods; other Chapters that I designed to visit it was not convenient for them at a time proposed, and other engagements prevented a later visit. Generally I have found the Chapters in a prosperous condition, notwithstanding the hard times which have prevailed during the past year, and in but a single instance peace and harmony prevails among the workmen.

It is with feelings of sorrow that I am compelled to report the condition of one of our oldest Chapters, *Benicia*, No. 7, located at Benicia.

On the 21st of July, 1894, I wrote the High Priest of that Chapter asking him to arrange a meeting for the evening of August 15th, and in reply he informed me that it would be impossible to get a meeting on that evening. On the 12th of January, 1895, wrote again asking him to arrange for a meeting on the evening of January 31st, to which I received no reply. About the last of January I wrote the Secretary and directed him to answer me at Vallejo, as I would be there on the 30th, to which the High Priest replied as follows:—

“Your letter to A. S. PARRITT, Sec’y, has been handed me. I received your former letter but have been out of town every day since. Personally I should like to meet you and talk over matters, but it will be impossible to get a quorum; several, whose presence is required to form a quorum, will be on night duty on board steamer Solano and cannot get away. Others are not on speaking terms, and some will not come if others do. If you would like to do a little missionary work, come over.”

On January 31st I visited Benicia, and after conversations with the High Priest and such others of the companions as could be found, I discovered a truly deplorable condition of affairs. The Chapter had not held a meeting for eighteen months; it has not been represented in this Grand Chapter for five years preceding this session. The companions appear to be divided into several factions, and some are, as the High Priest says, “not on speaking terms,” and it appears from what I could learn by conversations with them that there is no possibility of healing their differences. Their troubles first grew out of

building a new hall, for which they incurred a large debt ; some other matters of difficulty between Masons caused sides to be taken, and bitter things were said and many terms not Masonic were used among the members in reference to companions, and finally politics got into the trouble, so that it looks as if the day of usefulness of the Chapter had passed. They do not seem to manifest any of that spirit of charity or forgiveness which should distinguish Masons. I first had a mind to suspend the charter until this meeting, but considering the associations which cluster around the old Chapter, and the noble Masons who have assembled around its altar, and at the earnest appeal of several companions, I concluded to let the matter rest and report the facts for your judgment.

A few months since my attention was called to the condition of *Libanus Chapter*, No. 17, located at Iowa Hill, Placer county. I wrote to the High Priest to see if it was possible to get the companions together at any time ; but, owing to the long-continued storms and the heavy fall of snow in that section he informed me that it would not be possible to get a meeting before spring, so I have not been able to visit them as I expected.

The decline of mining generally, and of hydraulic mining in particular, has nearly depopulated many of our mining towns, and Iowa Hill has truly felt its effects ; its population has decreased so that only a small number remain. The Chapter has not met for some time, nor has it been represented in this Grand Chapter since 1887. Had it been possible for me to have met the companions of that Chapter I should have counseled and advised them to consolidate with *Siloam Chapter*, No. 37, at Colfax, believing it would be for the interest of both Chapters and for the good of Royal Arch Masonry.

My experience during the past year has firmly convinced me of the importance and value of these official visitations. The companions feel that they have been recognized as a part of our institution, and that the Grand High Priest, although at the head, can be a companion among them. Only those who have been present at the visitations can realize the enthusiasm and interest created among the companions, and I feel assured that a number of our Chapters will awaken from their dormant condition and enter upon a new life as the result of an official visit. During the season of refreshment, which has always followed the labors of the evening, the interchange of sentiments brings out new ideas and turns our thoughts into other channels, drawing us nearer together and strengthening the bonds of Fraternity. I was further pleased to note that, with but three exceptions, no wine or liquors appeared on the tables. The Chapters are striving to make their halls more attractive and comfortable, and with their reception, reading and library rooms, present greater inducements to the companions to attend meetings, all of which should be strongly encouraged.

The following comprise the Chapters visited during the year, viz :

1894.

- Aug. 15. *Martinez*, No. 31, at Martinez, Contra Costa county.
- Dec. 1. *Solano*, No. 43, at Suisun, Solano county.
- 3. *Dixon*, No. 48, at Dixon, Solano county.
- 4. *Stockton*, No. 28, at Stockton, San Joaquin county.
- 5. *Doric*, No. 66, at San Leandro, Alameda county.

1895.

- Jan. 30. *Naval*, No. 35, at Vallejo, Solano county.
- Feb. 1. *Antioch*, No. 65, at Antioch, Contra Costa county.
4. *Petaluma*, No. 22, at Petaluma, Sonoma county.
5. *Santa Rosa*, No. 45, at Santa Rosa, Sonoma county.
6. *Ukiah*, No. 53, at Ukiah, Mendocino county.
- Mar. 22. *Washington*, No. 13, at Marysville, Yuba county.
25. *Trigo*, No. 69, at Fresno, Fresno county.
26. *Hanford*, No. 74, at Hanford, Kings county.
27. *Tulare*, No. 71, at Tulare, Tulare county.
28. *Visalia*, No. 44, at Visalia, Tulare county.
39. *Pomona*, No. 76, at Pomona, Los Angeles county.
- Apr. 2. *Crown*, No. 72, at Pasadena, Los Angeles county.
4. *Signet*, No. 57, at Los Angeles, Los Angeles county, at which meeting there was a large representation from *Los Angeles* Chapter, No. 33.
13. *Delta*, No. 27, at Auburn, Placer county.
15. *San Francisco*, No. 1, at San Francisco.
- Georgetown*, No. 25, being my home Chapter, I have been present at its meetings.

My attention has recently been called to one GRANVILLE A. FRAMBES, who is traveling over our jurisdiction peddling certain so-called Masonic degrees, claiming that they are the genuine, and that he had been recognized by the Grand Bodies of the world. Gen. Reg. 21 very clearly defines what are the true and legitimate bodies of Masonry, and should be strictly enforced. The course of the said FRAMBES is creating discord and confusion among the Chapters of this jurisdiction. In his course the said FRAMBES is aided and abetted by members owing allegiance to this Grand Chapter. I can but say that the High Priests of the Chapters of which said aiders and abettors are members have been derelict of their duty in not enforcing Gen. Reg. 21, after the decided action of the Grand Chapter at the Session of 1892 (see Proceedings, pages 277-278).

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

It was my pleasure and good fortune, as one of your representatives, to attend the twenty-ninth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, held in Topeka, Kansas, in August last. Comp. Geo. L. McCAHAN, Deputy General Grand High Priest, presiding at the opening of the session; nearly every Grand Chapter being represented.

Since last Convocation West Virginia had joined the General Grand Chapter. Texas sent a special committee who were cordially received, and, no doubt, Texas will soon return; Rhode Island is waiting; Pennsylvania and Virginia alone refuse to join the General Grand Chapter.

Comp. SPEED of Mississippi read an eloquent memorial address upon the death of Comp. JOSEPH P. HORNOR, General Grand High Priest.

The report of the General Grand Secretary shows 166,600 Royal Arch Masons under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

The General Grand Treasurer reported a balance of \$17,053.37 on hand.

years, with highest rank in the Medical Department of the Navy, that of Commodore. His merits were further recognized by the appointment as Surgeon General, which office he held when retired.

Comp. BROWNE was made a Mason on the 3d day of June, 1852, in *Philisian* Lodge, No. 40, at Winchester, New Hampshire. He affiliated with *Naval* Lodge, No. 87, at Vallejo, in 1867; served as Master in 1871. Taking an active part in Masonry, and particularly in the Grand Lodge, he was, in 1875, elected Grand Master, and re-elected for the years 1876, 1877 and 1878.

Exalted to the sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason in *Benicia* Chapter, No. 7, at Benicia, November 25, 1866. He was a charter member and first King of *Naval* Chapter, No. 35, and its High Priest in 1869. After filling the various stations in the Grand Chapter, he was, in 1878, elected Grand High Priest.

Created a Knight Templar in *California* Commandry, No. 1, at San Francisco, on the 27th day of December, 1867; was greeted a Royal and Select Master in *California* Council, No. 1, at San Francisco, on the 2d day of September, 1871; was elected and crowned an active member of the Supreme Council, A. & A. S. Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, U. S. A., on the 20th day of October, 1880; and in October, 1886, was elected Treasurer General, *ad vitam*, of that Supreme Council.

In his official, social and Masonic relations he was ever courteous and affable, just and true. A good man, a ripe scholar, a true Mason, honored and loved by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. He has but gone before. Green be the sod above him, and fragrant his memory forever.

I would recommend that a special committee be appointed to prepare a more fitting expression of the sorrow of the Grand Chapter in the death of these distinguished Masons.

Many other members of this Grand Chapter, companions well known and honored by their Chapters, have been called to carry up their work for inspection; they are gone, but, we trust, not forgotten. Let the Grand Secretary enter their names on our mourning pages.

It also becomes my sad duty to announce to you the death of Comp. JOHN FRIZZELL, Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, communicated in the following circular letter of Comp. GEO. L. McCAHAN, General Grand High Priest, whose recommendations in respect to the memory of that distinguished and beloved Companion is called to your attention:

"GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

"OFFICE OF THE GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST,
BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 10, A. I. 2424, A. D. 1894. }

"To all Royal Arch Masons wheresoever dispersed, but more especially to the Officers and Members of Grand and Subordinate Chapters, constituents of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America.

"COMPANIONS:—We are called upon, through the dispensation of an all-wise Providence, to mourn the loss of our well beloved Companion

"JOSEPH FRIZZELL,
"Past General Grand High Priest,

who departed this life at his home, Nashville, Tennessee, on Thursday, November 30, 1894, after an illness of over a year, in the 66th year of his age.

"Companion FRIZZELL's genial and helpful presence was missed at our last Triennial Convocation, and we sorrowed, in anticipation that, we would, in all human probability, ne'er look upon his face again.

"In Royal Arch Masonry, Companion FRIZZELL was an acknowledged leader and guide, and his devoted service in all that pertained to, the benefit of the Royal Craft long since established him as a column of strength in our institution.

"At the Twenty-second Annual Convocation of the General Grand Chapter held at Nashville, Tennessee, in 1874, he was elected Deputy General Grand High Priest, and at the Twenty-third Triennial, held in Buffalo, New York, in 1877, he was elected General Grand High Priest. During and since his occupancy of official position he ever gave his best efforts to establish and perpetuate the influence of the General Grand Chapter in its beneficial undertakings, and in extending the bonds of Fraternity throughout our own and other realms.

"As a friend and Companion, to know him was to love him. His genial temperament, the brotherly kindness that beamed from his love-lit eye, and his kind and cheery converse invited companionship and friendly intercourse. His impress was of permanent duration, and his counsel always commanded respect and won devoted following.

Companion FRIZZELL entered Masonry at the earliest period possible, having presented his petition to be made a Mason to *Cumberland Lodge*, No. 8, of Nashville, on his twenty-first birthday, September 8th, 1850. He soon rose to distinction among his brethren and in 1858 and 1859 he served his Grand Lodge as Grand Master, and since 1868 as its Grand Secretary.

"He was made a Royal Arch Mason in 1852, and served his Grand Chapter as Grand High Priest in 1865, and as Grand Secretary from 1868 to 1890.

"In 1852 he became a Royal and Select Master, and was Grand Master of his Grand Council from 1861 to 1866, and Grand Recorder from 1868 to 1890.

"He was made Knight Templar in 1852, and served as Grand Commander of his Grand Commandery in 1867.

"He also occupied an eminent position in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, having received the thirty-third, or last degree, in 1886.

"In addition to his graces as a Mason, Companion FRIZZELL possessed those of a consistent and zealous Christian, being a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church and, since 1855, a ruling elder in that denomination.

"He had no fear of death, and as gently and peacefully as he lived he passed away, firmly relying on the promises of the GREAT I AM who, having ever been his solace and guide in life, was, in death, his comfort and strength.

"Of Companion FRIZZELL it may be said:

'His life was gentle, and the elements
So mixed in him that Nature might stand up
And say to all the world, This was a man.'

"With the family, companions and friends of our late companion we mingle our tears because of our mutual loss.

"As a tribute to the memory of our deceased companion it is directed that this communication be read in open Convocation next after its receipt, and suitable minute made thereof on the records of the subordinate Chapters of the General Grand Chapter; and State Grand Chapters, constituents of the General Grand Chapter, are desired to adopt such measures in honor of the memory of our distinguished companion as, by them, may be deemed most appropriate.

"Given under my hand and seal of the General Grand Chapter the date before written.

[L. S.]

"GEORGE L. MCCAHAN,
General Grand High Priest.

"Attest: CHRISTOPHER G. FOX,
General Grand Secretary."

Many of our sister jurisdictions have been called to mourn the loss of honored and loved companions. I submit the following as having been brought to my notice:

M. E. LEWIS WATSON, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, died September 22d, 1894.

M. E. JOSEPH A. MANNING, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, died October 26, 1894.

M. E. JOHN W. HUGHES, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, died April 19, 1894.

M. E. MORRIS M. KUTZ, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, died July 1, 1894.

M. E. ROBERT K. MARTIN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, died November 24, 1894.

M. E. GEORGE R. WALKER, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nevada, died November 23, 1893.

M. E. COLLINS D. PRATT, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota, died August 2d, 1894.

M. E. PHILIP C. TUCKER, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Texas, died July 9, 1894.

M. E. T. NESBIT ROBERTSON, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, died April 25, 1894.

M. E. DWIGHT BYINGTON, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, died October 11, 1894.

M. E. ALBERT G. HUSTINGS, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, died July 20, 1894.

M. E. JAMES R. HARTSOCK, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana and Iowa, died April 11, 1894.

M. E. ROBERT B. BRANNIN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, died May 9, 1894.

M. E. THOMAS EDWARDS HATCH, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, died July 10, 1894.

M. E. EDWARD GOELLER, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, died May 7, 1894.

R. E. JOSEPH K. WHEELER, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, died October 10, 1894.

These Companions were loved and honored in their respective jurisdictions. They were good men, good Masons. Their upright conduct, the skill and ability displayed in the high stations assigned them, merit more than a passing notice. I therefore recommend that a page be set apart in our proceedings to show our appreciation of their virtues, and as a tribute to their memory.

CONCLUSION.

Such, my companions, is the record of the past year, and which now passes into the history of our Grand Chapter. If the report meets your approval I shall be content, and feel that my labors have not been in vain.

I cannot close this report without expressing my obligations to Companion CASWELL, our loved and respected Grand Secretary, for his counsel and advice during the past year.

And now, my companions, as this is the last time that I shall address you in an official capacity, permit me to return my earnest and heartfelt thanks for the many favors which I have received at your hands, and especially for the honor you conferred in selecting me as your Grand High Priest. In retiring from this exalted station I shall lose none of the interest I have ever manifested, but in the future, as in the past, will be ever ready and willing to perform any task "however servile" to promote the interest of Royal Arch Masonry.

Our Order, as the years roll by, may its sublime teachings produce an abundant harvest for good; may it ever receive the protecting care of heaven, and may there ever be "Peace within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces."

ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD,
Grand High Priest.

Which Address was referred to a special committee of three.

The Deputy Grand High Priest named as such committee—

On Grand High Priest's Address : { Comp. William Abraham Davies,
" Jacob Hart Neff,
" Edward Coleman.

The Grand Secretary presented his Annual Report, as follows :—

To the M. . E. . Grand Chapter of California :—

As required by the Constitution the undersigned respectfully submits his Annual Report of the transactions of his office since the last Annual Convocation, together with such other matters as may properly be considered by the Grand Chapter.

In less than one month after the close of the last Annual Convocation, the transactions thereat were printed and distributed as follows : one copy to each of the Grand Officers and such Past Grand Officers as are permanent members of this Grand Chapter ; five copies to the General Grand Chapter ; one copy to each of our representatives near other Grand Chapters ; three copies to each Grand Chapter with which we are in communication, and four copies to each of the subordinate Chapters of our obedience.

The charter to *Pomona* Chapter, No. 76, ordered at the last Annual Convocation, was issued, the Chapter duly constituted and its officers installed by Comp. HENRY SAYRE ORME, Past Grand High Priest, on the 16th day of May, 1894. The letter of authorization of the Grand High Priest, together with the official report of the companion, are herewith presented. A duplicate charter was also issued to *Trigo* Chapter, No. 69, as ordered at last Grand Convocation, the original having been destroyed by fire in 1893.

One dispensation for the formation of a new Chapter was issued by order of the Grand High Priest, viz :

On the eighteenth day of May, 1894, to Comps. FRANK PIERCE MESERVE, CHARLES H HOBART, WILBUR NEWTON CHAMBLIN, and seven other companions, to form a Chapter at Redlands, San Bernardino county, to be called *Redlands* Chapter. The petition for the dispensation, the recommendation of the nearest chartered Chapter, and all papers required by the Constitution, the Record Book, Book of Marks, By-Laws and returned dispensation, together with a petition for perpetuation by charter, are herewith submitted for reference to the Committee on New Chapters.

By order of the Grand High Priest, the following special dispensations have been issued during the year :—

On May 24th, 1894, to *Alluras* Chapter, No. 34, to elect officers at other than the constitutional time ;

On the same date to *Stockton* Chapter, No. 28, permitting the use of two substitutes in the ceremony of exaltation ;

On the twelfth day of January, 1895, to *Georgetown* Chapter, No. 25, to elect officers at a time other than as fixed by the Constitution ;

On the fourteenth day of January, 1895, to *Kern Valley* Chapter, No. 75, and on the sixth day of February, 1895, to *Antioch* Chapter, No. 65, both for the same purpose ; and

On the twentieth day of March, 1895, to *Naval* Chapter, No. 35, to elect a King, the companion who had been elected to that office having refused to be installed.

Commissions to Representatives near other Grand Chapters have been issued by order of the Grand High Priest, as follows :

On the eleventh day of June, 1895, to Comp. ALEXANDER GEDDIS, near the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, *vice* Comp. EDWARD GOELLER, deceased ;

On the same date, to Comp. WILLIAM ROBERTS BOWEN, near the Grand Chapter of Nebraska.

Amendments to the By-Laws of the following named Chapters—approved by the Grand High Priest—are herewith submitted for reference to the Committee on By-Laws, viz :—

Relative to duties of Treasurer and Secretary—*Washington*, No. 13.

Changing time of meetings—*St. James*, No. 16, *Georgetown*, No. 25, *Stockton*, No. 28, *Riverside*, No. 67, *Trigo*, No. 69, and *Pomona*, No. 76.

Reducing fees for degrees—*Delta*, No. 27, *Stockton*, No. 28, *Napa*, No. 30, *Naval*, No. 35, *Donner*, No. 39, and *Corinthian*, No. 51.

Reducing fee for affiliation—*Santa Cruz*, No. 38.

Increasing annual dues—*Signet*, No. 57.

Relative to standing committee on finances—*Santa Cruz*, No. 38.

The By-Laws as adopted by *Redlands* Chapter, U. D., are also submitted for reference.

From the following will appear the degree of prosperity of the Royal Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction, during the past year, and although the net increase shown is less than in former years, it is nevertheless healthful and fairly prosperous :—

Number exalted during the year.....	233
“ affiliated, including petitioners for <i>Redlands</i> , U. D.....	90
“ restored	14
<hr/> Total increase.....	337
Number withdrawn.....	92
“ excluded.....	24
“ suspended for non-payment of dues.....	96
“ died.....	81
<hr/> Total decrease.....	293
<hr/> Showing a net increase for the year of.....	44
Total number of affiliated Royal Arch Masons, as per returns to January 31st, 1895.....	5,132

The following is a statement of the financial transactions of the Grand Secretary's office for the past year :—

Received from chartered Chapters for dues to February 1st, 1895...	\$3,799 50
“ “ <i>Redlands</i> Chapter—Dispensation fee.....	75 00
“ “ “ “ Dues to April 1st, 1895.....	27 00
“ “ “ “ Charter fee.....	50 00
“ “ four dispensations to elect officers.....	20 00
“ “ four diplomas.....	8 00
“ “ Masonic Temple Association—pro rata on amount paid on stock.....	435 40
“ “ dividends Masonic Hall Association.....	1,020 00

Making total receipts for the year.....	\$5,434 90
Amount paid to Grand Treasurer, as per his receipts herewith presented	\$5,434 90
Forty-two warrants have been drawn upon the Grand Treasurer for the aggregate amount of.....	\$4,969 80

Included in the total amount of warrants drawn is the sum of one thousand dollars paid on subscription to the “Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home.” Three thousand dollars of the five subscribed have thus been paid, and the remaining two thousand can be easily met whenever the call therefor is made.

Regretfully does your Grand Secretary again report a Chapter “in the throes of dissolution.” *Libanus*, No. 17, by reason of a widely scattered membership, has been unable to secure a quorum for the transaction of its regular business for nearly two years past; and the improbability of securing one in the future, that the necessary steps for a surrender of charter might be taken, has induced the Secretary to ask, in its name, that an informal surrender be accepted by the Grand Chapter, and that certificates of good standing be issued by the Grand Secretary on the payment to him of such dues, if any, as may be owing by the several members of said Chapter. Under the circumstances as they exist, the undersigned would respectfully recommend that the request of the Secretary be complied with, and that certificates be issued as desired.

1894.	CR.	
April 18. By paid delegates to the Annual Convocation, as per pay roll,	\$1,159 40	
" Grand Officers,	93 50	
" Finance Committee,	61 90	
	<hr/>	\$1,314 80
" Wm. A. Davies, services as Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, as per voucher No. 1,	200 00	
" James Oglesby, salary as Grand Guard, as per voucher No. 2,	25 00	
" Pacific Surety Co., premiums on bonds of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, as per voucher No. 3,	144 00	
" Thos. H. Caswell, for expenses Grand Secretary's office, as per vouchers Nos. 4, 7, 9, 16, 19, 24, 30, 31, 38, 39, 41,	140 15	
" Thos. H. Caswell, salary as Grand Secretary, as per vouchers Nos. 5, 12, 15, 18, 22, 25, 26, 27, 29, 33, 36, 40,	1,800 00	
" Samuel D. Mayer, salary as Gr. Organist, voucher No. 6,	25 00	
" Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, account of subscription by Grand Chapter, as per voucher No. 8,	1,000 00	
" S. W. Shaw, portrait of P. G. H. P. Charles R. Gritman, voucher No. 10,	76 50	
" Frank Eastman & Co., printing and binding proceedings for 1894, and other matters, as per vouchers Nos. 11, 23 and 42,	776 25	
" Thos. H. Caswell, dues to General Grand Chapter for 1892 and 1894, as per voucher No. 13,	100 00	
" Antioch Chapter, No. 65, dues overpaid in returns of 1894, as reported by Grand Secretary, as per voucher No. 14,	7 00	
" Daniel Norcross & Co., for swords and belts ordered by Grand Chapter, as per voucher No. 17,	55 60	
" Ellison L. Crawford, G. H. P., appropriation towards expenses to General Grand Chapter, as per voucher No. 20,	150 00	
" Ellison L. Crawford, allowance for expenses as Grand High Priest, as per vouchers Nos. 28 and 34,	200 00	
" Masonic Hall Association, rent of Grand Secretary's office, for year ending December 31, 1894, as per voucher No. 32,	180 00	
" S. W. Shaw, cleaning and varnishing 38 portraits of Past Grand High Priests, regilding frames and hanging same, as per vouchers, Nos. 35 and 37,	90 40	
	<hr/>	\$4,969 80
1895.		
April 16. Balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer (on deposit in S. F. Savings Union),	4,723 10	
Total,	<hr/>	\$11,007 70

The Assets of the Grand Chapter consist of :

Cash on hand, as above,.....	\$ 4,723 10
1700 shares of Masonic Hall Association stock, at \$20 per share,	34,000 00
Total,.....	\$38,723 10

All which is respectfully submitted.

FRANKLIN H. DAY, *Grand Treasurer.*

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances.

Comp. THOMAS FLINT, JR., from the Committee on Finances, presented the following report on the books, papers and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

Your Committee on Finances, to whom was referred the books, papers and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined and compared the same and find them correct in every particular.

The official bonds of the Grand Treasurer, in the sum of \$10,000, and of the Grand Secretary, in the sum of \$6,000, were filed with and approved by the M. E. Grand High Priest immediately after the Convocation of 1894, as required by the Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. FLINT, JR.,	} Committee.
I. J. ROLFE,	
L. C. WITTENMYER,	

Which report was concurred in.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the Committee on Correspondence, presented the following report, the reading of which was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

Your Committee on Correspondence, having received and reviewed the proceedings of forty-eight Grand Royal Arch Bodies, submit their report. And the Chairman thereof, on behalf of his co-laborers, takes pleasure in congratulating his companions of California on the present conditions and prospects of Capitular Masonry in the Nation—which means, the nation of the United States spelt with a big N.

From Maine to Montana the signs indicate the progress of Royal Arch Masonry to be all that its conservative friends could wish.

The year just passed has been one of depression and discouragement; the fruit has hung very high, well nigh out of reach; the danger and difficulty of the undertaking has caused many a searcher to abandon his intended journey, but the great and glorious results at stake have given faith, hope and confidence to the travelers of the "rugged road," and we have the satisfactory assurance from our

statistical bureau of a healthy, progressive increase throughout the Capitular world.

We have received and reviewed the proceedings of the following Grand Royal Arch Bodies :—

ALABAMA,	1894	MONTANA,	1894
ARIZONA,	1894	NEBRASKA,	1894
ARKANSAS,	1894	NEW BRUNSWICK,	1894
CANADA,	1894	NEW JERSEY,	1894
COLORADO,	1894	NEW HAMPSHIRE,	1894
CONNECTICUT,	1894	NEW SOUTH WALES,	1894
DELAWARE,	1894-5	NEW YORK,	1894
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,	1894	NORTH CAROLINA,	1894
FLORIDA,	1894	NORTH DAKOTA,	1894
GEORGIA,	1894	NOVA SCOTIA,	1894
ILLINOIS,	1894	OHIO,	1894
INDIANA,	1894	OREGON,	1894
INDIAN TERRITORY,	1894	QUEBEC,	1894
IOWA,	1894	RHODE ISLAND,	1894
KANSAS,	1894	SCOTLAND,	1894
KENTUCKY,	1894	SOUTH CAROLINA,	1894-5
LOUISIANA,	1894	SOUTH DAKOTA,	1894
MAINE,	1894	TENNESSEE,	1894
MARYLAND,	1894	TEXAS,	1894
MASSACHUSETTS,	1894	VERMONT,	1894
MICHIGAN,	1895	VIRGINIA,	1894
MINNESOTA,	1894	WASHINGTON,	1894
MISSISSIPPI,	1894	WEST VIRGINIA,	1894
MISSOURI,	1894	WISCONSIN,	1894

The Grand Chapters of England and Wales, Nevada and Pennsylvania have not been received at this writing, April 10, 1895.

ALABAMA.

The Grand Chapter of Alabama held its sixty-eighth Annual Convocation in the city of Montgomery December 3d, 1894,—the M. E. JOHN A. MCKINNON, Grand High Priest, R. E. H. CLAY ARMSTRONG, Grand Secretary. Thirty-three Chapters were represented. The Representatives of twelve sister Grand Jurisdictions were present.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest, in his Address, first directed the attention of the assembled companions to the promise and thanksgiving due the Great Creator for their preservation, and for the blessings conferred upon the Grand Chapter since last convocation.

Among his official duties he recommended as necessary a change of such laws as conflicted with the regulations of the Grand Lodge in reference to suspensions for any cause by a Lodge of Master Masons. The Grand High Priest also expresses his concern for the reported universal complaint of the evil of non-attendance upon the meetings of their subordinate Chapters. He expresses his sad condolence with the sister jurisdictions who have been bereft by death of beloved companions. He gives especial mention of the universal regret expressed by the companions of Ala.

bama upon the receipt of the sad intelligence of the death of M. E. Comp. JOHN FRIZZELL, of Tennessee; of him he writes:—

"The sad intelligence has just reached us, that a strong pillar in the Temple of Masonry has fallen in our sister jurisdiction of Tennessee. Comp. JOHN FRIZZELL, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, died at his residence in the city of Nashville, November 30, 1884. Comp. FRIZZELL had, by successive re-elections, been continuous Grand Secretary since 1868, a period of nearly twenty-seven years. Comp. FRIZZELL is well and affectionately remembered by many of the older members of this Grand Chapter, he having visited and remained with us during our Grand Annual Convocation of 1881. To us his death is cause for deepest sorrow, and to our companions of Tennessee we tender sincerest condolence in the great loss they have sustained."

Comp. MCKINNON says the work of the year is not as encouraging as might be desired, but he thinks, taking into consideration the great financial depression of the country, it is perhaps as satisfactory as they could hope for. He gives the companions fervent admonition to attend the meetings of their Chapters, to try and make them agreeable, instructive and entertaining—in short, to give more prominence in their duties and pleasures to the social features of Capital Masonry, for the perfect fulfillment of which duties he predicts for them a soft seat among God's elect in the sweet by and by.

The following well deserved compliment was extended to the veteran correspondent, Comp. PALMER J. PILLANS, upon the expression of his desire to retire from such service:—

"Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Alabama realizes the long and eminent services rendered by Comp. P. J. PILLANS, and while appreciating his request to be released from longer service as Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, feel that the work cannot be confided to safer hands.

"Resolved, That the Grand Chapter would respectfully state that his continuance in the position would be exceedingly gratifying to the Body and beneficial to the Chapter at home and abroad.

"Resolved, That hearty thanks are hereby extended to Comp. PILLANS for his past service, and our earnest hope expressed that he may continue for many years to illustrate by a noble life the beauty and beneficence of Masonry."

Comp. PALMER J. PILLANS presents his twenty-eighth consecutive Report on Correspondence. The veteran is wearied with the service and desires a younger man to assume the responsibilities and pleasures of the position. The Grand Chapter, however, having become accustomed to his faithful and intelligent methods in the performance of his duties hesitate in granting the "dimit" he asks for, and ask for further time to consider his request. We hope our veteran companion will accede to their wishes, and with the firm of DRUMMOND et al., continue to enlighten his friends and companions of Alabama and sister jurisdictions with his opinions and comments upon the progress and condition of Royal Arch Masonry in these United States.

Comp. PILLANS expresses his deep sympathy under the head of Arizona with the bereaved friends of our lamented Comp. LIGHTHIZER, whose unexpected death so shocked his companion reporters throughout the Masonic Bodies of the Nation.

Under California Comp. PILLANS notes the illness of Grand High Priest GRITMAN and the discharge of his duties by Deputy CRAWFORD, but probably had no idea of the serious character of the disability which in a few short weeks removed him from his earthly cares.

Comp. PILLANS quotes with approval the opinions expressed by the writer of this report upon the value of Reports on Correspondence, as to the rights of Lodges and Chapters in matters of taxation as expressed by Comp. PEARSON of Illinois—upon dependent membership and the general condition of Royal Arch Masonry. We are gratified at the approval of so eminent a companion.

Comp. PILLANS quotes the excellent paper presented to the Grand Chapter of Ohio last year, the same being a continuation of a former article upon the history of the Royal Arch, by Comp. S. STACKER WILLIAMS, a most valuable contribution to the literature of Capitular Masonry.

M. E. JOHN G. SMITH was elected Grand High Priest; R. E. H. CLAY ARMSTRONG was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Comp. PALMER J. PILLANS was continued as correspondent. Address, Belknap. Next Annual Convocation on Monday before the 1st Tuesday in December, 1895.

ARIZONA.

The Grand Chapter of Arizona held its fifth Annual Convocation in the city of Phoenix November 14, 1894,—the M. E. ALEXANDER GIBSON OLIVER, Grand High Priest, the R. E. GEORGE JAMES ROSKRUGE, Grand Secretary. Four Chapters were represented. Thirteen sister Grand Jurisdictions were represented, and there were two Past Grand High Priests present.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain and music by the Grand Choir.

The Grand High Priest, after returning thanks for the blessings received individually and as a Grand Chapter, directed the attention of the assembled companions to the rapid growth and consequent change in their beautiful city, from a post on the outskirts of civilization to a community of citizens, happy in the possession of the necessary comforts of life, with the hopes and aspirations of a people with full confidence in their State and its possibilities. What an illustration of the wondrous changes wrought by a few short years is the city of Phoenix to-day?

The Grand High Priest, as if in remembrance of the salutation of the monks of old "Remember Death," directed the attention of the companions to the vacant places in their midst, and asked all to unite in paying the sorrowful tribute of sincere affection to the memory of the faithful companions, who had with them borne the struggle of organization during the heat and burden of the day, and finally, with the approval of the Master Overseer, had passed within the vails to eternal rest.

He notes appropriately, in sorrowful language, the death of their lamented LIGHTHIZER, and paid earnest and eloquent tribute to the memory of that distinguished companion.

He also reports the death of Comp. DAYTON A. REED, who at the time of his death was Grand Master of Masons in Arizona.

The Grand High Priest mentions the eminent dead of the National Jurisdiction, whose names have been engraved upon the death roll of 1894, and on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Arizona joins in sympathetic grief with the mourning jurisdiction.

From lack of time and the inconvenience of travel he was prevented from visiting his subordinates, with the exception of the home Chapter. From information, however, he reports the Chapters in a healthy condition and with bright prospects in future.

The Grand High Priest speaks of his visit to California during the last session of our Grand Chapter, and the compliments extended to him here. The visit was enjoyed by us of California, for we recognized in our M. E. Comp. OLIVER one of our own kindred and brethren, one of those noble Giblemites who wrought in the mines of old Placer, and whose name is enrolled in the archives as a faithful worker among the brethren of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California. May his shadow never grow less.

The Grand High Priest reported his official acts—most of his duties being of local import only, need not be referred to. Comp. ROSKRUGE, Grand Secretary, makes an excellent report, which proves the foundation of the Grand Chapter of Arizona to

be "well and truly laid," and its business interests in the care of eminent and energetic companions. Past Grand High Priest MARTIN W. KALES is Treasurer of this Grand Chapter, and also the Representative of the Grand Chapter of California near the Grand Chapter of Arizona.

In reference to Ritual, the following action was had:—

"To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Arizona:—

"Your committee, to whom was referred the practicability of adopting the new Ritual as issued by the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, beg leave to report that said matter be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, to report at our next Annual Convocation.

"Fraternally,

GEORGE J. ROSKRUGE,
RICKMER N. FREDERICKS,
Committee."

The Grand Representatives present were received with "the honors," and given a fraternal welcome by the Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest-elect made an eloquent and impressive speech. The standing committees were appointed, and the Grand Chapter closed.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Annual Convention of High Priests for the Jurisdiction of Arizona assembled during the session of the Grand Chapter in the city of Phoenix November 14, 1894.—M. E. MARTIN W. KALES, President, E. GEORGE JAMES ROSKRUGE, Recorder *pro tem*.

The President announced the death of Comp. HARRY BUDD LIGHTHIZER, Vice-President, and memorial resolutions were adopted.

M. E. Comp. MARTIN W. KALES was re-elected President; Comp. MORRIS GOLD-WATER was elected Recorder.

On motion, it was

"Resolved, That the next Convocation of the Order of High Priesthood be held on the first Wednesday after the second Tuesday of November, A. D. 1895, at Prescott, Arizona, at 9 o'clock P. M."

Convention closed.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by Comp. CHARLES D. BELDEN, who takes up the work laid down by the lamented LIGHTHIZER. The report is a pleasant narration of the doings of the several Grand Bodies of Royal Arch Masons. He reviews the general condition of Capitular Masonry, without hunting for "burning questions" or subjects for dispute. Comp. BELDEN has given us an excellent paper, although, strange to say, he found no room for California.

We note, however, that the sympathies of Comp. BELDEN are on the right side, whether the opinions advanced and commented upon be the Past Master's degree, the Grand Representative question or the preservation of the Ritual. The appropriation by our Sister of Iowa of the Cryptic Degrees, receives his attention and well-merited disgust.

In commenting upon the deliberate manner of determining the issuance of Masonic charters in Massachusetts, Comp. BELDEN writes:—

"Thirty-five companions, living in Dorchester, applied for a dispensation to form a new Chapter. The committee find these companions have new and commodious apartments for the proper working of the Capitular Degrees, nine hundred dollars in hand, and sixty-eight Master Masons, resident in that vicinity, have signified in writing their intention to apply for the degrees if the dispensation is granted, and then their report says:—

"We have had the matter under consideration for the past six months, and recommend the granting of the request."

"We don't do things that way out here. Life is too short, and some of those good things might have slipped away during that six months' deliberation. We would have granted that dispensation on the day it was asked for, put that nine hundred dollars in immediate circulation, and have given those sixty-eight candidates about \$6,800 worth of 'good and wholesome instruction,' long before that committee was through pondering."

M. E. FRANCIS A. SHAW was elected Grand High Priest. R. E. GEORGE J. ROSKRUGE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Prescott on November 13, 1895.

ARKANSAS.

The Grand Chapter of Arkansas held its forty-fifth Annual Convocation November 22d, 1894.—M. E. JOHN C. BONE, Grand High Priest, R. E. JAMES A. HENRY, Grand Secretary. Fifty-one chartered Chapters were represented. Nine Past Grand High Priests and fourteen representatives of sister Grand Jurisdictions were present. California was represented by Comp. W. H. H. CLAYTON.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, extending a fraternal welcome to the members of the Grand Chapter. He joined them in thanksgiving to God for his guidance in the past, and imploring His blessings upon their future. The Grim Reaper had passed them by and left their official circle unharmed, while casting the shadow of his noiseless presence over many sister jurisdictions. Many eminent Companions had received the summons—had bid farewell to earth, and passed within the veil: Comp. GEO. C. CONNOR, of Tennessee, THOS. NISBET ROBERTSON, of New Brunswick, COLLINS D. PROST, of South Dakota, MORRIS M. KATZ, of North Carolina, LOUIS WATSON, of Illinois, DWIGHT BYINGTON, of Kansas, JOSEPH A. MANNINO, of Indiana, JOSEPH K. WHEELER, of Connecticut—illustrious names on the register of Royal Arch Masons of America have severed their earthly associations, and have, we trust, been admitted into the presence of the Heavenly Grand Council, where the Supreme High Priest forever presides.

We note that the Grand High Priest granted a special dispensation to receive and ballot upon petitions at the same Convocation, and refused another Chapter the use of substitutes for the work of the Royal Arch degree.

The Grand High Priest made an earnest appeal to the members of the Grand Chapter to assist faithfully in the establishment of the Ritual adopted by the General Grand Chapter, to aid in its promulgation by using no other, and adhering strictly to the authorized text.

The Grand High Priest attended the Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, and gave an interesting report of its proceedings.

On motion of Comp. R. J. LAUGHLIN, Chairman of Correspondence, the Grand Lodge of New South Wales was recognized and an exchange of courtesies invited.

We quote the following extract from the report of the Committee on "Memorials of the Dead," referring to the Eminent Companions named therein:—

"To those of sister Grand Chapters who have suffered loss, and particularly in the instances mentioned by the M. E. Grand High Priest, viz.: Companions GEORGE C. CONNOR, our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Tennessee; Companion JACOB KRIBBS, our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Maryland; and Companion JOSEPH K. WHEELER, our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, we beg to extend expressions of our high esteem for the departed Companions, and our recognition of the services, faithful and long-continued, which they rendered to the cause of Capital Mas-

onry. Companion CONNOR left behind him works of interest and importance to the Craft, which will long survive to recall him to faithful seekers after Truth and Light; and Companion WHEKLER, by the service of close on to half a century in Masonic fields, made for himself a name and a remembrance dear to Capitular Masonry throughout this wide land.

"We recommend that memorial pages, suitably inscribed, be set apart in our printed proceedings to the memory of these Companions, as a testimonial of our regard for them, and recognition of their worth."

The Grand Chapter resolved :—

"That the printed Ritual promulgated by this Grand Chapter shall not be used by any officer of any Subordinate Chapter in the opening and closing ceremonies or in conferring degrees, but the same shall be committed to memory; provided, that the Ritual may be used for reference."

M. E. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL represents Arkansas near the Grand Chapter of California.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The twenty-eighth Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood met in Council in the City of Little Rock November 24, 1894,—M. E. SAMUEL W. WILLIAMS, President, E. JAMES A. HENRY, Recorder. Twelve Companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, and otherwise qualified, were admitted and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

An election was held and the Convention closed with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. R. J. LAUGHLIN—a brief review of the doings of fifty-four Grand bodies. There being no burning questions at issue, Comp. LAUGHLIN concluded to save his powder for some future scrimmage.

Under Arizona, he deposits an "evergreen sprig" to the memory of our late Comp. LIGHTHIZER.

California proceedings, he says, were entirely local and of no interest to Arkansas.

Under Canada, he demurs to the reduction of fees.

Under District of Columbia, he pronounces Comp. SINGLETON "the ideal reviewer." Good!

Under Georgia, "The address of M. E. TAYLOR is an admirable state paper; his decisions are clear, good common sense, and agree exactly with Arkansas."

Under Maine, after quoting Comp. DRUMMOND's definition of "Clandestine Masons," Comp. LAUGHLIN says: "As we have intimated before, it would be 'good for the order' if Comp. DRUMMOND's reports were inserted in our proceedings instead of our own."

Under Missouri he writes this sensible opinion, which we second with all the force that the language implies :—

"A committee was appointed to prepare a funeral service to be used by Royal Arch Masons. As we have said frequently, we are sorry to see such things. The burial of the dead belongs to the Third Degree by custom, analogy, and symbolism. Of course Master Masons cannot participate in Royal Arch burials, and if the custom should become general (we do not fear that however) it would have a tendency to degrade Blue Lodge Masonry in the minds of the public. In short, we have no patience with these new fangled 'higher degree' notions."

Under Nebraska, Comp. LAUGHLIN quotes and intimates that a Royal Arch burial service and ceremony ought not to be, but he is not positive in the matter. We believe, Comp. L., if there is a place in our Masonic lives when the impression

of equality, that virtue that must prevail at the humble level of the tomb should be exemplified, it is at the burial of a deceased brother, in the clothing of a Master Mason, and with the ceremonies of the Lodge.

Under Ohio he makes this apology to Comp. WILLIAMS :—

“The error in your name last year, Comp. WILLIAMS, was perhaps caused in the same way that the ‘e’ got into almost all of the reports last year in M. E. Comp. HORNOR’S name—carelessness.”

Satisfactory, Comp. LAUGHLIN, but be sure and not make the same mistake with Comp. DRUMMOND or he’ll give you “Scotch law” till you can’t rest.

M. E. JAMES M. HARKEY was elected Grand High Priest; R. E. JAMES A. HENRY was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Chairman of Correspondence, E. REUBEN J. LAUGHLIN, Bentonville.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Little Rock, November 21, 1895.

CANADA.

The Grand Chapter of Canada held its thirty-seventh Annual Convocation in the City of Hamilton, July 20th, 1894.

The Grand Council, consisting of the M. E. J. E. HARDING, Grand Z., the R. E. J. ROSS ROBERTSON, Grand H., and the R. E. M. WALSH, Grand J., with eleven Grand Superintendents of Districts, and the Representatives of sixty-nine chartered Chapters, thirty-six representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions, were present; among which we note the R. E. SAMUEL WESLEY BAIN, Representative of California.

The Grand Z. in his report announced the issuance of seven dispensations for the formation of new Chapters. He had no decisions of importance to communicate, and had made a general visitation of the Chapters of the jurisdiction. He compliments the Grand Superintendents upon their efficiency, and expresses his great satisfaction at the large increase in their numbers, which he attributes to their loyal service.

The Grand Superintendents reported the condition of the several districts, which reports were referred to the Executive Committee for their consideration.

The receipts for the year were.....	\$ 3,692 37
The disbursements for the year were.....	1,987 80
Balance in Treasury.....	4,708 67
With total assets of.....	21,708 67

The Chairman of the Executive Committee, in his report on the work of the Superintendents of Districts and the general condition of the Royal Arch Craft, says :—

“Speaking generally of the prospects of Capitular Masonry in the district, I would say they are bright. I think the Craft has entered an era of prosperity.”

On Correspondence, the twenty-seventh Annual Report is presented by the M. E. HENRY ROBERTSON, Chairman, and is an elaborate review of the legislation of forty-six Grand Chapters. Comp. ROBERTSON is a veteran whose best recommendation is his good, square work. California is fraternally noticed, the Address of Grand High Priest W. B. DAVIS commended, and the legislation of the Grand Chapter approved. Comp. ROBERTSON quotes our action upon the question of life membership without comment. By the by, we hope to solve that problem in the near future, Comp. R.

Under Maine, Comp. R., after quoting Comp. DRUMMOND on jurisdiction, says:—

“Foreign Grand Bodies do not recognize the North American doctrine of exclusive territorial jurisdiction over candidates. They are willing to confer the degrees, and habitually do so, upon worthy men, no matter whether they live in the country or not, and there is nothing in their Constitution to forbid their so doing. These Masons are not ‘clandestine,’ they are regularly made Masons. We may refuse to admit them to our Masonic Bodies, but that does not affect the regularity of their making. It is simply a personal intimation that the one so refused admission is in some way objectionable to our membership, and it may be taken as a slight hint to the foreign Bodies that we have a rule that makes a candidate apply where he is best known, and that we propose to have it observed as far as possible.”

The M. E. J. ROSS ROBERTSON was elected Grand Z.; the M. E. THOMAS SARGENT, Toronto, Grand Scribe E.

Next Convocation, Friday, 16th July, 1895.

COLORADO.

The Grand Chapter of Colorado held its twentieth Annual Convocation in the city of Denver September 20, 1894,—M. E. HENRY T. WEST, Grand High Priest, R. E. ED. C. PARMELEE Grand Secretary. Twenty-nine Chapters, out of thirty in the jurisdiction, were represented. There were present seven Past Grand High Priests and the Representatives of twenty-two sister jurisdictions. California's representative *non est*.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. After welcoming the assembled companions, and asking from Him who led the children out of captivity a blessing upon their labors, he congratulates them that although the Angel of Death had been busy among their companions throughout the nation, they had been wonderfully spared, and no officer of the Grand Chapter had been taken from his earthly duties. While they have been blessed, however, many mighty ones have fallen by the way, and the altars of sister jurisdictions are clothed in mourning.

The Committee on Necrology will consider and report upon the action to be taken in honor of the illustrious dead.

A dispensation was granted for the formation of one new Chapter.

The Grand High Priest made the unusual report that he had visited every one of the thirty-one Chapters in the jurisdiction; to accomplish this he had consumed fifty-six days and traveled over four thousand miles. He says:—

“I believe it was time well spent, and that good has been done. How much of good the representatives of the several Chapters can say better than I. To them I leave it. I have, however, such confidence in the results from a general visitation by the Grand High Priest or other Grand Officers, that I recommend that such visitation be made the duty, rather than ‘authorized’ merely, as it now is.”

All right, Comp. WEST; we predict, however, that it will be many a day before the example set by you in this matter will be equaled. It is worthy of a gold medal.

He gives an interesting report of the doings of the General Grand Chapter at its last session, held at Topeka, Kansas, in August last.

Past Grand High Priest E. N. L. FOSTER moved and the Grand Chapter resolved :—

"That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado hereby extends fraternal greeting and recognition to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales as a regularly constituted Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and welcomes it into fellowship."

Comp. FOSTER also made the following report, which was adopted :—

"Your committee, to whom was referred at your last session the matter of the letters and characters upon the Keystone and Ark, respectfully submit that with regard to the former, their reading is fully settled by the ritual of the General Grand Chapter, which has been adopted by this Grand Chapter, and, in the opinion of your committee, the interpretation there given is the true one.

"Your committee recommends that the several Subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction be required to have their Arks properly inscribed, so that all may be uniform, and that the method of reading those mystic characters be explained to the candidates by the High Priest after they have received the principal secrets of this degree. They submit, as a part of this report, a diagram of the characters to be used upon the Ark, together with the necessary explanation, but, being esoteric, it is made verbally."

We take the following paragraph from the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted by the Grand Chapter. We have a similar provision in our General Regulations. It simplifies legislation and prevents possible friction between the bodies :—

"75. (66.) The provisions of the Constitution, Laws and Resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, in all essential respects, where there is no conflict between it and the Constitution or Laws of this Grand Chapter, shall be the rules and regulations by which the action of the Subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction shall be governed."

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood met in Annual Convention in the City of Denver, September 20, 1894,—M. E. LAWRENCE U. GREENLEAF, President, E. D. C. PARMELEE, Recorder.

The Grand Council was opened in Ample Form. Ten companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, were received and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood. The officers were re-elected. Council closed.

The Report on Correspondence is by Past Grand High Priest, Chairman E. L. N. Foster, who gives a review of the doings of all the Royal Arch Bodies in North America, with the General Grand Chapter of the United States; and, although there is a decided dearth of questions for discussion, Comp. FOSTER manages to give us not only an interesting but a very full report.

Under Arizona, he sorrowfully deposits his sprig of acacia upon the coffin of our late friend and brother, LIGHTHIZER, and joins in the general mourning for his sad departure.

Under California, Comp. FOSTER notes the absence of our Grand High Priest, M. E. CHARLES R. GRITMAN, from his seat in the East, and the conducting of the session under the supervision of the Deputy Grand High Priest, Comp. ELLISON L. CRAWFORD. Yes, Comp. FOSTER, the shadow of death had enveloped the form of our beloved GRITMAN at the time of our convocation; yet we hoped he might be spared to us for a little while; we were hardly prepared, on the fourteenth day of the ensuing month, to hear the sorrowful message—"Past Grand Master and Past Grand High Priest CHARLES RAY GRITMAN is dead."

Under the District of Columbia he brings to the funeral altar another guest,

Past Grand Master and Past Grand High Priest JOHN MILLS BROWN, for the last fifteen years a resident of Washington, D. C. A brief sketch of his useful and eventful life is given by Grand High Priest WALKER in his address to the Grand Chapter.

"To the past go more dead faces, every year."

Comp. FOSTER gives a courteous approval of the opinions of the writer on the several topics reviewed by him in his report of last year. Thanks, Bro. FOSTER.

Under Connecticut, he pays this well deserved tribute to our friend and correspondent, JOSEPH KELLY WHEELER:—

"Since writing our report, but before it has passed into the printer's hands, we have learned that R. E. Companion JOSEPH K. WHEELER, for seventeen years Grand Secretary, has been met by the inexorable enemy before whom all must fall, and has gone to his reward. He was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge May 8, 1867; of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter May 7, 1867; of the Grand Council May 7, 1867; and Recorder of the Grand Commandery of K. T. March 21, 1882. He died October 10, 1894. A zealous, good and useful member of the Craft, his loss will be greatly felt by the Fraternity of Connecticut. To that jurisdiction Colorado offers its sympathy.

Under Michigan he mentions a record-breaker in the person of High Priest ROSS BROWN, who exalted thirty-six in one day, Comp. FOSTER says:—

"It is probably true that this is a record-breaker; but going through the degrees by lightning express on vestibule trains is not an impressive ceremony; and, unless there is some very urgent reason, we believe the conferring in a less hasty manner is better for the Craft."

All of which we heartily endorse.

The M. E. ALPHONSE A. BURNAND was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. ED. C. PARMELEE was re-elected Grand Secretary. Committee on Correspondence: Comp. ERNEST L. H. FOSTER, Denver.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the City of Denver, September 10, 1895.

CONNECTICUT.

The Grand Chapter of Connecticut held its ninety-sixth Annual Convocation in the city of Hartford May 8, 1894,—the M. E. SAMUEL BASSETT, Grand High Priest, the R. E. JOSEPH K. WHEELER, Grand Secretary. Thirty-six Chapters were represented. There were also present eleven Past Grand High Priests, and the Representatives of twenty-seven sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Chapter was opened with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter attract the reader with an elegant steel portrait of the M. E. SAMUEL BASSETT, Grand High Priest, who delivered his Annual Address, in which he reported his visitations of the subordinates and their condition. He issued but four special dispensations, and appointed five representatives to sister Grand Chapters—the business of the session was entirely of local interest.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, King and Scribe also presented reports of visitations made by them, with the condition of the Chapters visited.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported no business.

The following resolution was submitted and adopted:—

"Resolved, That no Royal Arch Mason in this jurisdiction, of thirty years good and regular standing, shall be subject to discipline for non-payment of dues; and no Chapter in this jurisdiction shall be required to pay a per capita tax to the

Grand Chapter upon any of its members who have been thirty years in good and regular standing, or who have left the jurisdiction and not been heard from for five preceding years."

All resolutions inconsistent with the above are repealed.

The following exhibit from the returns of subordinate Chapters is given by the Grand Secretary for the year ending May 1, 1894 :—

Number of Chapters on roll.....	38
Number represented at Grand Chapter.....	37
Number of exaltations.....	237
Number of affiliations.....	8
Number reinstated.....	3
Number suspended and expelled.....	0
Number struck from roll, N. P. D.....	20
Number dimitted.....	16
Number died.....	80
Number of members reported this year.....	4,957
Number of members reported last year.....	4,862
Increase of members.....	95
Amount of Grand Chapter dues.....	\$1,617 70

Our lamented Past Grand High Priest, CHARLES R. GRITMAN, was the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut near the Grand Chapter of California.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Annual Convention of High Priests of Connecticut was held in the city of Hartford May 7, 1894,—the M. E. Comp. H. H. GREEN, President, M. E. Comp. CHARLES W. SKIFF, E. T. and Recorder.

There was a full attendance of members, and twelve companions possessing the necessary qualifications were elected, admitted and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

The usual business was transacted and the following action had :—

"The subject matter of the Convention of the Presidents of the several Grand Conventions and Councils of Anointed High Priests, at the time of the stated Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, at Topeka, Kansas, in 1894, laid over at the last Grand Convention for consideration this year, was taken up, and it was voted that P. M. E. P. Comp. JOHN H. BARLOW be appointed to represent this Grand Convention therein."

Having completed the business before the Convention, the Convention closed.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by Past Grand High Priest JOHN H. BARLOW, of Skelton, who makes this his seventeenth Annual Report. Our companion expresses in mournful words his sorrow at the calling from labor of so many companions with whom he has held communion upon matters of interest to the Royal Craft for many years. The shadows of Comp's BROWN, PATTON and INNES are near him in his hours, both of labor and refreshment, and causes him to petition a kind providence to spare for a time those who are left.

Comp. BARLOW reviews the proceedings of fifty Grand Bodies. He finds harmony existing in the length and breadth of the organization, although the usual increase of numbers has been generally lessened by the prevailing distress in all the business channels of the country. He finds, however, and so say we all, that no "burning question" demands the attention of the correspondence guild, and in consequence the correspondent's labors are unusually light.

He gives a pleasant notice of California and endorses our opinions on dependent membership.

Under Missouri, writing of the regulation of the Grand Chapter of Delaware allowing the High Priest to open and close in short form when necessary, Comp. MAYO commented as follows: "They will generally find it necessary. In five years from now the Chapters will have forgotten the opening and closing ceremonies of the three first degrees." Comp. BARLOW says truthfully, for we verify the statement by a duplicate incident which occurred nearly fifty years ago, in the words here used. He says:—

"We are reminded of the Master of a certain Lodge, not very proficient in the lectures and histories, when arriving at that point would usually say to the candidates, 'there is a lecture connected with this degree, but owing to the lateness of the hour we shall be compelled to omit it,' and this explanation was usually given whether the hour was eight or eleven.

The *M. E.* ISAIAH BAKER, Jr., was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* JOSEPH K. WHEELER was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of New Haven on the second Thursday in May, 1895.

DELAWARE.

The Grand Chapter of Delaware held its twenty-sixth Annual Convocation in the city of Wilmington, January 17, 1894,—the *M. E.* GEORGE W. ANDREWS, Grand High Priest, the *R. E.* JAMES H. PRICE, Grand Secretary. Four subordinate Chapters were represented, and fifty-eight permanent members were present.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

The Grand High Priest opened his Address by giving thanks to the Supreme High Priest for the preservation of their ranks unbroken, while the grim destroyer has entered the inner circle of so many of sister jurisdictions, leaving grief and sorrow in his path.

After paying eloquent tribute to the services and character of the eminent lamented dead, the Grand High Priest reported his official acts, which had been exceedingly light, and unimportant to those without the jurisdiction. He gives the condition as follows:—

"I find the growth of our subordinate Chapters during the past year has been a healthy if not a large one. Coming in close contact as I have with them, and considering the great financial depression which has fallen upon industries of every kind throughout the country during the past year, the progress and increase of membership of our subordinate Chapters may, it seems to me, be deemed a subject of congratulation."

Jewels for the Past Grand High Priests having been provided, by order of the Grand Chapter, at a former session, had been presented to eight of the Most Excellent Companions by the Grand High Priest during the recess.

The Grand High Priest, *M. E.* GEORGE W. ANDREWS, whose portrait adorns this volume of proceedings, was chosen to represent the Grand Chapter of Delaware at the ensuing session of the General Grand Chapter, and was also presented with a Past Grand High Priest's jewel.

Past Grand Chaplain V. V. HARRISON presents the Report on Correspondence. He reviews the proceedings of forty-four Grand Bodies. He comments favorably upon the legislation and condition of Capitular Masonry in California, quotes our action on the matter of life membership, and compliments the writer for faithful service, for which we hold him in kind remembrance.

Comp. HARRISON, like the rest of us, fails to discover in the Chapter fields any question of sufficient importance to demand the interference of the representative of the ever watchful correspondent, upon whose shoulders rests the responsibility of seeing, with his watchful eye, that the ancient landmarks of the Order be strictly observed, and that no deviation be allowed from the established customs of the Royal Arch family. Comp. HARRISON congratulates his companions upon the universal harmony existing, thanks the guild for their kind reception of his reports, and wishes all a Happy New Year.

The M. E. GEORGE W. ANDREWS was re-elected Grand High Priest, the R. E. JAMES H. PRICE was re-elected Grand Secretary. E. VIRGINIUS V. HARRISON, Chairman of Correspondence; address, Wilmington.

The Grand Chapter of Delaware held its twenty-seventh Annual Convocation in the city of Wilmington January 16, 1895. Four Chapters were represented. Eight Past Grand High Priests were present, with the representatives of twenty-one sister jurisdictions.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form. A portrait of Grand High Priest EUGENE MASSEY prefaces this volume.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. After an acknowledgment to the Supreme Ruler for the blessings of the year, he called the attention of the assembled companions to the loss of eight beloved companions, who had crossed the dark river and passed to eternal rest.

He also extended the sympathy of the Grand Chapter of Delaware to sister jurisdictions who were mourning the loss of eminent and beloved companions.

The Grand High Priest had but few official acts to report and no decisions to submit.

Past Grand High Priest JACOB F. MYNICH recommended that a resolution be passed by this Grand Chapter, taking necessary steps to reorganize the Order of High Priesthood, and place the same under jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

The following resolution, offered by Past Grand Priest JOS. A. BOND, was unanimously adopted:—

“Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Chapter that all subordinate Chapters of this Jurisdiction, if by them deemed expedient, be permitted to exempt from dues all companions who may have been a member in good standing of their respective Chapters for a period of twenty-one years.”

A Special Communication was held January 31, 1895, for purposes of installation.

Delaware has four Chapters on the roll, with a membership of 551 Royal Arch Masons.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. V. V. HARRISON. He reviews forty-four Grand Bodies, and gives the results of their legislation from his standpoint. Comp. HARRISON says there are no new questions to awaken the interest of correspondent “disputants,” and consequent peace and harmony prevailed in the East, West, North and South.

In the matter of Grand Representatives, Comp. HARRISON regards them as ornamental rather than useful.

Comp. HARRISON is a firm believer in the loyalty due constituted authority. He says:—

"We believe in the entire sovereignty of the Grand High Priest. We believe that he should be selected for his thorough knowledge of Capitular Masonry and its practices and his sound judgment; and having selected him, he should rule the Craft as Solomon ruled the Israelites of old."

M. E. EUGENE MASSEY was elected Grand High Priest; R. E. JAMES H. PRICE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Correspondent, Comp. V. V. HARRISON, Wilmington.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia held its Annual Convocation in the city of Washington December 12, 1894,—the M. E. GEORGE H. WALKER, Grand High Priest, R. E. L. G. STEVENS, Grand Secretary. Ten Chapters were represented. Thirteen Past Grand High Priests were present, with the Representatives of forty sister jurisdictions.

The Grand Chapter was opened with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest delivered the Annual Address. He asked the companions to join him in gratitude to the Supreme Power above that had protected and guided them safely through the past disastrous year.

As a mark of the visit of the Great Destroyer among them he mentions the death of one well known and dearly beloved by the Free and Accepted Masons of California, our Past Grand Master and Past Grand High Priest, JOHN MILLS BROWNE, whose residence was transferred to Washington some fifteen years since in consequence of promotion in government service in the U. S. Naval Department. Since residing in Washington he has been a member of and Grand Treasurer of the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite.

Bro. BROWNE was an accomplished Mason, of genial manners and qualities, which made him attractive to acquaintances and held him "very close" to intimate friends. He was very popular with the Fraternity as Grand Master, and made frequent visitations to the Lodges. As our Grand High Priest he was equally and deservedly popular.

We regarded Comp. BROWNE as a splendid specimen of the American Free Mason and accomplished gentlemen. Farewell, dear Doctor; "but a little while and we shall follow.

"Servant of God well done;
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy."

Comp. WALKER made a report of the doings of the General Grand Chapter at its recent session. He also says:—

"By invitation I attended, on the evening of October 2d, a reception given by *Mithras* Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R., of this city, in honor of THOMAS H. CASWELL, the Acting Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction, who is a Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of California, and for years an active worker in Capitular Masonry."

A deserved compliment to an illustrious Mason thoroughly qualified, not only to lead the blind, but also to impart information of inestimable value to the inquiring mind regarding all the departments of Capitular Masonry.

The Grand Lecturer reported the visitation by him of all the Chapters in the jurisdiction and their creditable condition.

Past General Grand High Priest NOBLE D. LARNER is the representative of the Grand Chapter of California near the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia.

Comp. WM. R. SINGLETON presents the Report on Correspondence in a review of forty-five Grand Capitular Bodies. The reputation of Comp. SINGLETON is a guarantee of the ability with which any subject which may deserve his attention will be treated; the present paper, although unusually brief, is of the usual merit.

Under Arizona he pauses to drop a sympathetic tear over the departure of our friend and correspondent, Comp. LIGHTHIZER, who had been taken in the prime of his manhood and the full tide of usefulness to his eternal rest. "To the past go more dead faces every year."

Under California Comp. SINGLETON makes no dissent to our doings, and compliments the work of the writer, which we appreciate.

"*Oh, the good old times,*" Comp. PARVIN said, before the Grand Chapter of Illinois. "I stand here almost entirely alone; all those with whom I united have gone."

Comp. SINGLETON reminds him: "Still, companion, you can look to our little jurisdiction and find the only one left of that Grand Lodge of Masonry of 1841 to 1843, who yet cherishes with the fondest remembrance those happy meetings in St. Louis, with Comp. PARVIN and many others of Iowa, Illinois and Missouri."

To recall that little incident, Comp. SINGLETON, was a real nice thing in you, but then, dear companion, do you know that it reflects seriously upon your age; too old for the Eastern Star, we fear.

Under Mississippi, in response to Comp. SAVERY upon the matter of a decision rendered by the latter "upon the right of a non-affiliate to prefer charges against an affiliate," Comp. SINGLETON writes these words of good advice, setting forth the powerful influence for good of fraternal and kind treatment of the brother or companion who, from unknown causes, had allowed himself to become delinquent in the payment of his dues. The policy of the action herein advised should always be the governing motive in dealing with delinquent Masons.

Comp. SINGLETON writes:—

"In response we say we shall never arrive at that 'golden age' so long as Masons are to be treated precisely as profanes. Let us within the 'vails' always act fraternally to all our brethren, and the outsiders *will* come in and 'pay their just dues to Lodge and Chapter.' We believe that much of the unaffiliation among Lodge and Chapter Masons is due to the unfraternal feeling manifested by members who are within the Lodge and Chapter, and a conciliatory feeling and action of the officers and members will bring within the fold those who are without. We write from experience on this point, and know of what we affirm. Some years since a brother of our own Lodge who had acted as Secretary, went away for a while and then returned to this city. He was again elected as Secretary. Upon examination of the books he found a large number of the old members who had suffered themselves to be dropped for N. P. D. He remarked to us that he would get 'every one' of them back, as they were all good men and true, and that some untoward circumstances must have caused them to be thus placed. Accordingly, in the best spirit, prompted by brotherly kindness, he addressed to each one a friendly letter, and the result was that every one of them came forward, paid their dues and were reinstated."

We say to those who cavil at these dropped or unaffiliated brethren, "go thou and do likewise." Instead of traducing our brethren, let us approach them in the spirit of brotherly affection, and we guarantee that in nine cases out of ten we shall reclaim them.

The *M. E.* FRANK L. CAMPBELL was elected Grand High Priest; *R. E.* LEWIS G. STEVENS was elected Grand Secretary.

Chairman of Correspondence, WM. R. SINGLETON, Masonic Temple, Washington, D. C.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Washington, December 11, 1895.

FLORIDA.

The Grand Chapter of Florida held its forty-eighth Annual Convocation at Jacksonville May 8, 1894, the *M. E.* SILAS B. WRIGHT, Grand High Priest, the *R. E.* WILLIAM A. McLEAN Grand Secretary. Twelve subordinate Chapters were represented, with five Past Grand High Priests and the Representatives of fourteen sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. He welcomed the companions in attendance upon the Annual Assembly, and, after invoking the blessings of the Great I Am upon their labors, paid eloquent and earnest tribute to the eminent companions of sister jurisdictions who had passed to rest during the year. Under the head of decisions rendered, the matters are not important and do not warrant comment.

The Chairman of Correspondence presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:—

“The Committee on Foreign Correspondence fraternally represent that for years past this Grand Chapter has not been able to indulge in the luxury of a Report on Correspondence, and though it is a well known fact that the Grand Chapter is in better condition financially than heretofore, at the same time your committee cannot assume the responsibility of incurring the expense required in the matter of printing such a report, and we therefore request that such action be taken in the premises as may be deemed for the best interests of the Grand Chapter.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:—

We have carefully considered the communication and request of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence as to the advisability of formulating and sending out a report at the present time, and fraternally submit that, while recognizing the benefits resulting from an interchange of views and opinions upon important questions arising in the various jurisdictions, we are admonished that the state of our finances will not justify us in the expenditure of such amount as would be required to defray the expense of printing a report of such magnitude as would reflect credit upon ourselves and do justice to sister jurisdictions.

Never mind the “magnitude” of your report, companions of Florida. Give us a short and sharp one, and our word for it you will instill new life and vigor into the Royal Arch organization of Florida.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Convention of High Priests of Florida met in special convocations January 18, March 5 and March 16, and in Annual Convocation May 9, 1894, at which eight companions possessing the necessary qualifications were elected, admitted and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

The officers of the Convention are: *M. E.* ANGUS PATERSON, President; *M. E.* WILLIAM A. McLEAN Recorder.

After transacting the usual business the Convention closed in Solemn Form.

M. E. WILLIAM M. McINTOSH was elected Grand High Priest; *R. E.* WILLIAM A. McLEAN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Jacksonville on the second Tuesday in May, 1895.

GEORGIA.

The Grand Chapter of Georgia held its seventy-second Annual Convocation in the City of Macon April 25, 1894,—the *M. E.* JAMES W. TAYLOR, Grand High Priest, *R. E.* ANDREW M. WOLIHIN, Grand Secretary. Ninety-two chartered Chapters and five under dispensation were represented. Twenty-one Grand Representatives of sister jurisdictions and two Past Grand High Priests were present.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Rev. W. S. RAMSAY, Grand Chaplain.

Past Grand High Priest WILLIAM M. PETRIE, of Sacramento, represents the Grand Chapter of Georgia near the Grand Chapter of California.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address—an able and interesting paper, comprehensive in its treatment of the various subjects of the greatest importance to the capitular organization, full of earnest counsel to the assembled companions, and expressing a sublime faith in the continued progress and final triumph of the principles underlying the great fabric of the Royal Arch. After invoking the blessing of the “Great I Am” upon the results of the session, he proceeded to pay, in language of mournful eloquence, the tribute of fraternal love and affection to the memory of the illustrious JOHN S. DAVIDSON, one of the brightest jewels in Capitular Masonry. Listen to his eloquent words:—

“On the morning of March eleventh, while the bells were chiming to assemble the thousands to their respective temples of worship, peace reigning over the city, hearts divested of all cares of busy secular life, the pickaxe, crow and spade laid aside, no premonition of impending calamity, the angel of God, commissioned to convey good tidings from earth to the glory-land, took his message from Augusta to Heaven, proclaiming to the sentinel guarding the portals to the divine sanctuary, ‘throw wide the doors and open the everlasting gates, for the soul of that grand and good man, JOHN S. DAVIDSON, is preparing to renounce his allegiance to mortality, and the world of sickness, sorrow, and death, and espouse the grand state of immortality and never-ending felicity:’ and, companions, close in the wake of this messenger-angel his spirit was wafting its way to Heaven, and the gates of paradise having been thrown wide open, the mighty sanctified throng that had preceded him, standing ready with outstretched arms to receive their own, and with a renewed shout of joy, welcome the liberated captive to the eternal home of the good; and while we are here with the cares of life upon us, the immortal JOHN S. DAVIDSON is freed from all pain and toil, basking in the light of a more perfect day, viewing from the battlements of Heaven the grand and glorious work done while in the flesh with joy and happiness. Conscious of having performed his mission on earth well, and gone hence with the love and approbation of companions and fellow-man, with whom he came in contact, and his work approved of God.

“His life was a grand success, achieving honor and fame without a struggle, but by ever pursuing the paths of virtue and uprightness, never swerving from the path of duty to God, his neighbor and himself.

“He was a veritable Moses, leading the flock safely through all dangers, and by precept and example to overcome all obstacles, presenting themselves to retard the progress of all the virtues necessary to ameliorate the condition of his fellow-men. If turbulent waters of adversity loomed up before the Craft to prevent its onward march to success, he but stretched out his arm of wisdom, the waters divided and they passed through dry shod, sprinkled with the spray of faith and confidence. If they became athirst, he but smote the rock of reason, and living waters of purity and intelligence gushed forth to moisten the lips of investigation for truth and knowledge, and invigorate and strengthen the mind of research, and, thank

God, he was able to view the promised land—the land of peace and prosperity he wrought so faithfully for, and to-day the prosperity of the grand old Order of Faith, Hope and Charity is a prominent gem in his crown of glory.

“He was ever faithful to his friends and lenient and forgiving to his foes. Elegant in his conception of thought, and brilliant in its rendition, enthusing multitudes, as one man, with his learning and eloquence, and none ever came in contact with him or heeded the words of wisdom that fell from his lips, but were benefited.

“But, alas! he is to be with us no more on earth—never to listen to his warning voice at the approach of danger—never to see his manly form, so elastic and elegant, when he visited our assemblies—never to feel his friendly grip as he clasped our hands in fraternal fellowship, but, companions, he has left upon the great trestleboard life designs as lasting as time, and, when time is no more, will be transmitted to eternity. Can we forget his teachings, his generous, impulsive spirit, his manly bearing, his chaste language and profound learning? Never. No. When the Masons of Georgia forget JOHN S. DAVIDSON, the sun will hide its face in shame and the stars blush at the perfidy of man. May we all be better Masons by his having lived, and may the great ‘I am’ raise up another Joshua to assume command and lead the children of light on to nobler and grander achievements.”

In reporting his official acts the following decisions come so near defining California law and practice that we can't help quoting; the only chance for a different expression might occur from the fact that we have a code for the trial of High Priests by a commission appointed by the Grand Chapter, or the Grand High Priest, of not less than three nor more than seven High Priests, etc.:—

1st. Can a Chapter entertain the application of a Master Mason in good standing, whose membership is in another State, though he lives in Georgia?

Held: It can. Masonry is universal, and a symbolic Mason in good standing in any other State is equally in good standing in Georgia.

2d. Can a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons affiliate a companion holding a dimit, who is suspended from his Lodge?

Held: It cannot. A Mason suspended from his Lodge stands suspended from all the benefits of Capitular Masonry.

3d. Does the suspension of a member from his Lodge in another State work a suspension of a Royal Arch Mason in Georgia, holding a dimit?

Held: It does. A dimitted Royal Arch Mason is subject to the same discipline as a regular member, and any punishment inflicted by Symbolic Masonry extends to the Chapter, without trial. However, if the penalty inflicted by the Lodge, in the judgment of the Chapter, is inadequate, the Chapter can prefer charges, try the companion, and inflict a greater, but not less, punishment.

4th. Can a Chapter try its High Priest for unmasonic conduct?

Held: It cannot. While we have no written law upon the subject directly, in the absence of such law we must conform to the law of Symbolic Masonry. Hence, in case the High Priest is guilty of unmasonic conduct, the Chapter can prefer charges, when it becomes the duty of the Grand High Priest to have him tried by nine Past or Present High Priests.

The Finance Committee, among other matters, reported that—

Owing to the arduous duties devolved upon the Grand Secretary by the constant increase in the number of Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction, and the activity of the Order in Georgia, we recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to employ a private Secretary, at a salary of three hundred dollars per annum.”

And furthermore that—

“We feel much gratification in being able to again state that Capitular Masonry in Georgia is in a flourishing condition. This continuous growth is healthy, and promises to be a lasting one. The zeal and activity displayed throughout the State, the interest taken by the members, the faithful, true and good work done by the officers of our Grand Chapter, is a source of satisfaction and pleasure to every Chapter Mason, and we feel that thanks are due to all through whose instrumentality this great success has been brought about.

Their report and recommendations were approved by the Grand Chapter.

Companion J. L. BROWN offered the following amendment to the Constitution:

"Companion JULIUS L. BROWN moves to amend Section 2, Article I, of the Constitution by adding the words after the words 'Grand Secretary,' where they occur, the following: 'And none of them except the Grand Chaplain, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary shall be eligible to re-election to the positions they then hold,' so that the section as amended shall read:

SECTION 2. This Grand Chapter shall consist:

"Of a Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Chaplain, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary, and none of them except the Grand Chaplain, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary shall be eligible to re-election to the positions they then hold; all Past Grand High Priests, Past Deputy Grand High Priests, Past Grand Kings, and Past Grand Scribes."

On the call of Chapters, it was laid on the table by a vote of 156 to 50. We conclude by that vote that the companions of the Grand Chapter of Georgia appreciate the services of competent, experienced, and accomplished officers.

The following is a recapitulation of the work of Georgia for the past year:—

Number of Chapters at the opening of the Session.....	80
Number of Chapters at the close of the Session.....	88
Number Exalted.....	312
Number Affiliated.....	48
Number Dimitted.....	120
Number Died.....	56
Number on Roll last year.....	3121
Number on Roll now.....	3400
Net increase in Membership.....	279
Net increase in Chapters.....	8
Number of Chapters failing to report.....	5

COUNCIL OF HIGH PRIESTS.

The Council of High Priests of Georgia met in Convention in the city of Macon April 25, 1894,—A. M. LAMBDIN, Excellent President, A. M. WOLIHIN Excellent Recorder.

Twenty-four companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, having been elected, were introduced, anointed and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

The President stated that it was the desire of several sister jurisdictions that a Convention of the Presidents of the Council of High Priesthood be held at Topeka, at the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter.

A motion was made by Comp. A. M. WOLIHIN, and the Council resolved, that this Council be represented in said Convention, and that our President be appointed as delegate.

The business of the Convention being concluded, Convention closed.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by the Chairman, R. E. and Rev. W. S. RAMSAY. The report is an excellent one and full of interest to every lover of the Royal Craft wherever located. Comp. RAMSAY reviews the proceedings of forty-one Grand Royal Arch Chapters, giving a digest of their legislation, with his comments upon such action as may be of general importance to the Masonic world.

Under California he writes approvingly of the report of Grand High Priest WILLIAM B. DAVIS and his recommendations, compliments the Grand Secretary, Comp. CASWELL, and notices kindly the efforts of this writer as Chairman of Cor-

respondence. He reports our action on the proposition of life membership without comment.

Under the District of Columbia he writes these truthful words of that accomplished and learned Masonic scholar, Comp. W. R. SINGLETON :—

“Comp. W. R. SINGLETON, of course, presents the Report on Correspondence. He knows how to condense, putting into a report of forty-four pages forty-seven Grand Jurisdictions. Georgia receives her measured share. He can say much in a very few words, and does not need as much space as some we wot of. But, really, what he does say is so well said, and shows such a thorough knowledge of the subjects under review, that it is a matter of regret that he does not extract more, comment more and amplify for information of the companions who look to him for instruction from his reports.

Under Iowa Comp. RAMSAY gives expression to a prediction that will prove itself in the near future unless all signs fail. We will wait with confidence in the result. He says :—

“A committee was appointed to revise the ritual for the cryptic degrees for that jurisdiction. If that committee will wait a few years we predict it will have nothing to report, the right to confer those degrees having gone into the hands of the Grand Council, where it rightly belongs. The counsel of such advisers as PARVIN and the others who espouse the cause of a Grand Council in Iowa, will sooner or later prevail.”

And of Maine's great “Masonic jurist” he speaks the opinion of Masons everywhere in the following words of commendation :—

“Most Excellent Companion JOSIAH DRUMMOND, as formerly, furnished the Report on Correspondence. He is by far the best fitted for work of this kind of any companion who comes under our review. He is thoroughly informed, a clear thinker, a close reasoner, and withal enjoys a tilt with his literary lance. No labor is too arduous for him if, by research, he can sustain his position. He is rightfully regarded as authority on Masonic usage, law and history. His reports, if preserved, will be useful for reference in after years.”

Comp. RAMSAY has set before the Royal Arch Masons of Georgia a literary treat, such a paper as should be placed in the household library of every companion in that great State. The return for the necessary outlay would be incalculable. We believe in Masonic education, and what plan could be so effective as the thorough dissemination of the writings of Companions TAYLOR and RAMSAY, contained in this Georgia volume.

The M. E. JAMES W. TAYLOR was re-elected Grand High Priest; the R. E. ANDREW M. WOLIHIN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Macon April 24, 1895.

R. E. Comp. W. S. RAMSAY, Dublin, is Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

ILLINOIS.

The Grand Chapter of Illinois held its forty-fifth Annual Convocation in the city of Chicago, October 25, 1894,—the M. E. J. W. HUTCHINSON, Grand High Priest, E. GIL. W. BARNARD, Grand Secretary. One hundred and seventy-one Chapters were represented. Eighteen Past Grand High Priests, and forty-two Representatives of sister Grand Jurisdictions were present, including California.

Past Grand High Priest Geo. W. CURTISS represents California near the Grand Chapter of Illinois.

The Grand Chapter was opened with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest, in earnest words, extended a cordial welcome to the assembled companions. He called attention, in eloquent, but sorrowful language,

to the unusual number of eminent companions from their own and sister jurisdictions who had been summoned by the Grim Messenger during the year and had passed from the circle of their companionship forever. He reported his visitations and that they were not as numerous as he had desired. His decisions were of local importance only.

Reports were received from the Grand Officers referring to the condition of the districts assigned to their supervision.

M. E. THEO. S. PARVIN being present, was introduced by M. E. Comp. GEO. M. MOULTON and received with the Grand Honors. In response thereto that veteran companion made an eloquent address.

The Grand Secretary reported the receipts for the year at \$10,665.24.

The Grand Chapter

"Resolved, That this Grand Chapter gladly recognizes the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales, and welcomes it to a place among the Grand Chapters of the Royal Craft."

The Grand Secretary presented reports from Comp. WM. A. WENTZ, Representative of Illinois near the Grand Chapter of Maryland, also one from Comp. FRANKLIN H. DAY, Representative near the Grand Chapter of California, which were read and received with approval.

Illinois numbers one hundred and eighty-four active Chapters, with a membership of 15,846 Royal Arch Masons.

M. E. Comp. GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota, was introduced and welcomed by the Grand High Priest. Comp. PETTIGREW responded in eloquent terms.

The retiring Grand High Priest was presented with a beautiful Past Grand High Priest's Jewel.

Illinois has twenty-two living Past Grand High Priests, of which number M. E. Comp. JOHN M. PEARSON, Chairman of Correspondence, ranks as third. May he continue to abide with his companions and pass many yearly "mile stones" in the next century.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Grand Council of High Priests convened during the session of the Grand Chapter, and opened in Ample Form.

M. E. LOYAL L. MUNN, President; M. E. JAMES A. HAWLEY, Recorder and Treasurer.

Thirty-eight companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, were admitted and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

An election was held for the ensuing year.

On motion Comps. MUNN, SMITH and PEARSON were appointed a committee to arrange with the Grand Chapter to have the afternoon and evening of the first day of the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter set aside for the conferring of the Order of High Priesthood. The Council was then closed.

Comp. JOHN M. PEARSON, Past Grand High Priest and Chairman of Correspondence, presented the report, in which he reviews the doings of fifty-one Grand Royal Arch Bodies. He writes with the confidence of a veteran—with a knowledge founded on experience.

In his notice of Alabama, Comp. PEARSON says:—

"A beautiful Past Grand High Priest's Jewel, accompanied by appropriate and eloquent remarks, was formally presented to Past Grand High Priest JAMES E. BECK. He 'graciously' accepted it. Of course he did. We seldom hear of a refusal—only one that we now recall. This practice of 'jeweling' Past Officers is growing. When we first submitted twenty-five years ago, we felt lonesome, and

viewed the proceeding somewhat as the small boy does vaccination. Now if this thing goes on some of our younger companions will, before long, carry as many jewels as a first-class Elgin watch."

Under Arizona, he writes:—

"The Report on Correspondence was commenced by Comp. HARRY B. LIGHTHIZER, but before completing the work he was called to report in the spirit to the Supreme Grand Chapter, where, sooner or later, we must all appear. His loss will be deeply felt in his Grand Chapter, for he has been very active among his companions. We learn from the notice of his death that he was a native of Illinois, and had formerly been active as Eminent Commander of two Commanderies in the city of St. Louis."

In his notice of California, Comp. PEARSON regrets the serious illness of our Grand High Priest, which prevented him from appearing in his seat in the Grand East, which was occupied by the Deputy Comp. CRAWFORD. The illness proved a fatal one, and in a short month after the close of the session our beloved companion was transferred to the heavenly Grand Council above, and his earthly associations closed forever.

Comp. PEARSON don't like our method of procuring bonds for our receiving and disbursing officers in some corporation organized for that purpose, the Grand Chapter paying the cost thereof—all of which we think good business sense.

He is complimentary to the writer of this report, and concurs in most of the opinions advanced. He thinks we said about all that could be said in favor of the "stringent law" requiring dependent membership, but says we do not convince him of its need. He fears that "Ephraim is joined to his idols." He says:—

"We remember in this connection some remarks by our late Companion MARSH of California, made in '59 while in Chicago attending Convocations of General Grand and Grand Encampment. He described the situation and your reason for such a rule, but we did not then know that the 'stringent law' had been adopted."

This carries us back to the "old days." Comp. MARSH was our Grand High Priest in '60. Comp. MARSH was an enthusiastic Mason who thought it no hardship to stage it across the mountains and the plains to meet with his eastern companions, and "keep touch" with their Masonic progress. Comp. MARSH was one of the projectors of the Overland Railway and one of its first Board of Directors.

Comp. PEARSON quotes from Comp. FOSTER of Colorado, who condemns the practice of authorizing the Secretary to cast the ballot for the election of any officer, and gives his own opinion thus:—

"Our opinion is, and the practice of our Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge is in accord with Comp. Foster. We do not believe that Comp. GIL BARNARD could be elected Grand Secretary by such a vote, and we know that he would deprecate any such method of procedure. A good many years ago one of our Grand Bodies burnt its own fingers, and we have since been like the 'burnt bairn.'"

Under Georgia, he says:—

"The proceedings of a Council of High Priesthood are given, and twenty-four High Priests were duly 'anointed and consecrated.' We notice that four of these were only the appointed High Priests of Chapters that had not yet been constituted. 'We do not do so in Illinois.'"

In reviewing Pennsylvania, Comp. HENDERSON Correspondent, Comp. PEARSON says: "He, HENDERSON, agrees with the General Grand that a Mason should be able to conform literally, etc., and under California thus speaks of Comp. DAVIES' views:—

"He, DAVIES, entirely dissents from the opinion of Comp. PEARSON of Illinois, WM. R. SINGLETON of the District of Columbia, and our STOCKTON BATES, that a blind man can be made a Royal Arch Mason."

Comp. PEARSON explains:—

"If the first named companion ever expressed such views it must have been very late at night, and after an 'extravagant' banquet. We are disposed to be very liberal in the construction of the law, but while the General Grand retains its present law, we will stand to and abide by it, and do not think that a blind man could be made a Royal Arch Mason in Illinois."

The M. E. W. L. MILLIGAN was elected Grand High Priest; R. E. GIL W. BARNARD was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Committee on Correspondence, Comp. JNO. M. PEARSON, Godfrey, Madison Co.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Chicago, October 24, 1895.

INDIANA.

The Grand Chapter of Indiana held its forty-ninth Annual Convocation in the city of Indianapolis October 17, 1894,—the M. E. ORLANDO W. BROWNBACK, Grand High Priest, the R. E. WM. H. SMYTHE, Grand Secretary. Eighty-six chartered Chapters were represented. Thirteen Past Grand High Priests responded to roll call, with the representatives of twenty-nine sister Grand Jurisdictions.

Portraits of the Grand High Priest and of Past Grand High Priest REUBEN PEDEN, who was killed by a railroad train at Knightstown December 1, 1893, are published.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest, at the opening of his address, made affectionate mention of the virtues of the companion, whose untimely and shocking death had startled the community among whom he resided, and by whom he was regarded as a good citizen, an upright, just and honest man, and a Christian gentleman.

He also joined in expressions of sympathy with the sister Grand Chapters, who mourn the loss of so many eminent companions.

Under the head of Decisions we notice one that contains timely information, that will always be a useful reminder to the bodies concerned:—

"A Lodge of Master Masons installed their Master without having the Past Master's degree conferred upon him. Shall I now, after proper notification and application, confer the Past Master's degree upon the said Master?"

"Answer. So far as Chapters are officially concerned, we have nothing to do with conferring the Past Master's degree upon a Master-elect of a Blue Lodge. To receive the Past Master's degree in the Chapter, it must be upon application for the four degrees recognized by the Grand Chapter. See Section 54, page 39, General Regulations.

"2. Should not the Past Master's degree be confined wholly to the reception, obligation, communication and explanation?"

"Answer. Yes. To make this degree—or any degree—impressive, no levity should be permitted, and the ceremonies should be confined to the narrowest constitutional limits. Chapters are not circuses, and clowns should not be admitted within the sacred precincts to mar the solemnities of our ceremonies."

The Grand High Priest reminded the Grand Chapter that their next Annual Convocation would be the Semi-Centennial of their organization, and recommended that suitable provision be made for its observance.

The following statistics are taken from the Grand Secretary's report:—

STATISTICS.

Number Members August 31, 1893.....	6,196
Number exalted	341
Number Re-instated.....	22
Number Affiliated.....	67

Total to be accounted for6,626

DEDUCTIONS.

Number Died.....	87
Number Dimitted.....	145
Number Suspended for Non-payment of Dues.....	65
Number Suspended for other causes.....	7
Number Expelled.....	7
Total.....	311
Number Members August 31, 1894.....	6,315
Number Members August 31, 1893.....	6,196
Net gain past year.....	119

The Grand Chapter, by an unanimous vote, adopted a regulation very similar to a provision of our own, providing for a consolidation of two or more Chapters, which we have found a good regulation.

In regard to the recognition of the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, the Committee on Jurisprudence, Comp. THOMAS B. LONG, Chairman, recommended a continuance before taking sides with either of the disputants.

M. E. JOSEPH A. MANNING was elected Grand High Priest; R. E. WILLIAM H. SMYTHE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

How uncertain is human life, the following short note will show :—

"Note.—M. E. JOSEPH A. MANNING, Grand High Priest, died October 26, 1894, therefore all communications intended for that officer should be addressed to Acting Grand High Priest HENRY M. WOODHURST, Fort Wayne, Ind."

M. E. EDWARD COLEMAN, Past Grand High Priest, is the representative of the Grand Chapter of Indiana near the Grand Chapter of California.

The Report on Correspondence is by the M. E. THOMAS B. LONG, Chairman, and is a review of fifty Grand Bodies, the Grand Chapter of Canada alone being absent from the list. Comp. LONG has earned his title of not only a first-class reviewer, but one that always has a reason for his opinions, and that reason a fraternal challenge to his companions to modify or change.

In his review of California Comp. LONG compliments Comp. CASWELL on his good work, and sympathizes with Comp. GRITMAN in his illness.

He also reviews the opinions of this correspondent, and generously "stands in with him on his opinion" for the fraternal notice of our old friend and Comp. DR. ISAAC L. TITUS. Comp. LONG, God bless you for the remembrance.

Under Iowa he represents intelligent Masonry in the American jurisdiction when he says :—

"The forms, ceremonies and teachings of the Cryptic degrees, like all other degrees in Masonry, are beautiful, instructive and impressive. It has always seemed to me that the way to secure the most good and enjoyment out of Cryptic Masonry was to place ourselves in a position to enjoy it with all the rest of the Masonic world, and to commune with our brethren in the secret vault. Iowa is alone, or nearly alone, in tacking the Cryptic degrees to the Capitular degrees, like the tail to an overbalanced kite. We are exiled from the remainder of the Cryptic world. I, for one, personally, have a strong desire to associate with my Cryptic brethren in other jurisdictions. It seems to me that Cryptic Masonry by itself in this jurisdiction, and in a position to receive the hearty support of the rest of the world, can be no more inactive and valueless than it is to-day, while we are excluded, as Cryptic Masons, from the society of all true Cryptic Masons throughout the world."

Under New Jersey we quote this genuine expression of fraternal affection, which ought to be general among our people :—

"Now that we come to the correspondence department of this review, the writer must pause to express his unfeigned sorrow and regret over the sad event of the death, already announced, of Comp. HENRY VEHS�AGE, so long the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence in this Grand Chapter. It is to be regretted that our companions of New Jersey have furnished the Capitular world no notes of his life, nor indication of his profession, other than the prefix 'Reverend,' which marks him as an earnest follower of the meek and lowly Nazarene, and as a teacher of His sublime and holy doctrines. For a period of more than a half-score years of time, the writer has, in his annual labors in this department, approached the reviews of Comp. VEHS�AGE with a feeling of peace and calm which was always justified by his restful and gentle phrases, his fraternal and genial sentences. And this statement must not be misconstrued to our beloved companion's disadvantage, for when he felt it his duty to express views of his own, or to differ with the opinions of others, though this was an infrequent occurrence, his positions were taken without hesitation, and his views were expressed with clearness and confidence. But, as the writer hereof said of him last year, he followed 'the true rule of criticism—praising what is good, rather than condemning what is indifferent.' It is sad, indeed,—and almost impossible—to regard him as no longer one of us, and to place his name on the lengthening roll of our departed companions,—this year adding it to those of the veteran and learned CONNOR, and the more youthful but promising LIGHTHIZER. Farewell, kind companion! The lingering pains of humanity no longer afflict thee; its gentle pleasures have expanded into eternal delight!"

We cast our sprig of acacia upon the grave of our lamented companion. God give our beloved companion "Rest."

In reviewing Pennsylvania, Comp. LONG quotes from Comp. AFRICA in relation to the incorporation of Masonic bodies, which presents forcibly so much practical truth to the mind of the general reader, that we quote:—

"What a spectacle! Here we find a Grand Jurisdiction that ought to be supreme and sovereign, voluntarily surrendering a part of its rights to the civil power, and allowing its creatures—the Subordinate Chapters—to pass beyond its absolute control. Be warned, companions; this surrender will sooner or later become a source of sorrow and regret to you. The Freemason of Pennsylvania passed through the fires of political and legislative persecution that our companions of the new-born commonwealths know not of. Such tests confirmed them in the policy of conservatism that has ever prevailed in our jurisdiction. If the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania had permitted any Lodge or Chapter to have accepted an incorporation under the laws of the commonwealth, the Grand Inquisitor General would have been overjoyed at the prospect of invoking the powers of the State to summon the officers of the 'corporations' with their books and papers, and publishing the contents of the same to the world. But we had no incorporated Lodges or Chapters (and have none now), but we had a courageous brother, GEO. M. DALLAS, afterwards Vice-President of the United States, Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania, who, refusing to be sworn by the Legislative Inquisitors of 1836, declared:

"I am a citizen of Pennsylvania by birth and constant residence. * * * I am a member of the society of Freemasons. It is more than twenty years that I became so.' At that period the example of the wisest and truest of patriots, of DR. FRANKLIN, of GEO. WASHINGTON, of GEN. WARREN, of GEN. LA FAYETTE, and of many and dear friends, were naturally alluring. Public opinion designated the Association alike virtuous, useful and harmless, and legislation, which never discountenanced the connection, subsequently and expressly encouraged its continuance by signal marks of approval.

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"The society of Freemasons is, in this State, strictly of a private nature. It is not incorporated. Like other voluntary associations, it is neither formed nor forbidden by law. Without, therefore, pausing to illustrate and enforce the remark that it would be equally constitutional to investigate the evils of the Society of Friends, or other societies of religion, or societies of politicians, or societies of convivial gaiety, or of any of the countless combinations of partnership by which men strive to realize calmness of conscience, the enjoyment of life and liberty, the acquisition and protection of property and reputation, and the

pursuit of happiness, I respectfully affirm to this committee my absolute conviction that the proceeding which attempts, under the forms of legislation and through my own agency, to pry into, expose, condemn and ridicule my personal doings and relations with this body of citizens, is as utterly inconsistent with the tenor and terms of the Constitution as its expansion to similar cases would be fatal to freedom. * * * I was received by this Association into its confidence upon my own application. I have been allowed a knowledge of the modes in which its members identify each other and avoid deception upon their benevolence. At a time when neither law, nor public opinion, nor my own conscience suggested a doubt of its correctness, I engaged myself to secrecy, and I cannot, without a sense of treachery and degradation, which would embitter all my future life, prove false to my promise. Better, by far, endure the penalties of alleged contumacy, be they what they may.

"Such, in part, was the reply of the learned and brave Comp. DALLAS, when he was summoned by the Legislative Inquisition to testify concerning the evils of Freemasonry, and he was not alone in refusing to testify, but had many able coadjutors. Suppose that the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter had accepted for itself, or permitted a subordinate Lodge or Chapter to have accepted a legislative incorporation, this Court of Inquisition would have penetrated the inner recesses of both Lodge and Chapter.

"History repeats itself. Minnesota has sown the wind, and in due time will reap the whirlwind. Events move in cycles. Now we enjoy comparative Masonic peace. The time will come when the fires of Masonic persecution will be as lurid as they were half a century ago, and the extra-liberal jurisdictions will regret they had not followed the example of conservative Pennsylvania, where we hold that 'Freemasonry is a law unto itself,' and where both Lodges and Chapters are under the absolute and complete control of the proper Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter. We think there is food for much thought in this action."

Comp. LONG mentions in sadness the broken links in the chain of fraternal correspondence, and asks how can their places be filled? We can only answer, Comp. LONG, God knows.

The M. E. HENRY W. MORDHURST is Grand High Priest; the R. E. WM. H. SMYTHE is Grand Secretary.

The next Convocation will be held at Indianapolis on the first Wednesday succeeding the third Monday of October, 1895.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

The Grand Chapter of Indian Territory held its Annual Convocation at Oklahoma City, August 16th, 1894,—M. E. LEO EDWARD BEUNETH, Grand High Priest; R. E. JOSEPH SAMUEL MURROW, Grand Secretary. Eleven chartered Chapters were represented. Three Past Grand High Priests were present, also the representatives of thirteen sister Grand Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, congratulating the assembled companions upon their preservation during the year, and returning thanks to the Great I Am for His many blessings. He had but little official action to report, and concluded with the always welcome message that harmony prevailed and the future full of promise. The finances are in good condition, with a handsome balance in the treasury.

The business transacted was almost entirely of but local importance and interest.

The Grand High Priest stated that no Report on Correspondence had been proposed, owing to the absence of the committee, Past Grand High Priest ROBERT H. HILL.

A mourning page is published, devoted to the memory of three deceased companions of the jurisdiction who had passed on during the year.

The M.: E.: SELWYN DOUGLAS was elected Grand High Priest; the R.: E.: JAMES S. MURROW was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in Atoka on the second Tuesday in August, 1895.

Grand Secretary J. S. MURROW, Atoka, was named as Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

IOWA.

The Grand Chapter of Iowa held its forty-first Annual Convocation at Sioux City September 26th, 1894,—M.: E.: FREDERICK W. CRAIG, Grand High Priest; R.: E.: ALF WINGATE, Grand Secretary. Eighty-nine Chapters were represented. Eight Past Grand High Priests were present, together with the representatives of twenty sister jurisdictions, including California.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with religious service by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Chapter was welcomed to the hospitalities of Sioux City by Past Grand High Priest H. C. McNEILL, and a banquet tendered for Wednesday evening of the session, to which all were cordially invited.

After fraternally greeting the companions the Grand High Priest delivered his Address. Of the Fraternal Dead he said the Grand Chapter were fortunate in preserving their own ranks from Death's visitation, although many of their subordinates had been called to surrender loved companions. The messenger of death is no respecter of persons and often selects those whom we can least spare. The death roll of sister jurisdictions is of unusual length and contains the names of illustrious Masons, brethren and companions of national fame. We join the companions of their home circles in their mournful memorials and extend the heart-felt sympathy of the Grand Chapter of Iowa to them in their affliction.

The Grand Chapter of Iowa has "assumed" charge of the Cryptic Degrees in that jurisdiction, and is printing and distributing to the Chapters the Ritual.

The Grand High Priest says :—

"If these degrees must be kept in the Chapter and make Iowa 'out of joint' with all other Grand Jurisdictions, let us at least strive to make our lonely system vigorous, active and of use and interest to ourselves."

The Grand High Priest mentions a matter that has forced itself upon the attention of our Grand Chapter. He says :—

"It is to be regretted that no sure way is in vogue to keep a check upon the Lodge standing of Chapter members. It may, and sometimes does, occur that suspensions for non-payment of dues in the Lodge is unknown in the Chapter for months, or even years. If a system whereby this information can be obtained is possible, it should be adopted."

At the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa the following resolution was adopted, viz.:—

"Resolved, That the Grand Master be requested to communicate with the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Iowa asking the enactment of a statute by which no one shall be eligible to or be continued in membership in any Chapter in its jurisdiction who is not in good and regular standing in some Blue Lodge."

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that they believed such action unnecessary, for the reason that Sec. 2 of Art. XIV of the Constitution covered the subject perfectly, and they therefore recommend "that no action be taken."

A fine steel portrait of Grand High Priest FREDERICK W. CRAIG gives a handsome finish to the volume.

Iowa numbers 115 Chapters with a membership of 6,937 Royal Arch Masons. Past Grand High Priest WILLIAM VANDERHURST represents Iowa near the Grand Chapter of California.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Grand Council of High Priesthood convened during the session of the Grand Chapter,—M.: E.: D. S. DEERING, President; ex-Comp. R. HERMANN as Recorder.

Comp. DEERING presented to the Council for its use a silver libation cup, for which he was unanimously "thanked." Twelve companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters and otherwise qualified, having been elected, were admitted and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

The officers were re-elected and the Council closed.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by Past Grand High Priest THOMAS R. ERCANBRACK, correspondent. He reviews forty-three Grand Bodies with the ease of a veteran. He comments with a free hand and sustains himself by quotations from the "prophets," which sparkle in their application and give a genial touch to his writing that is irresistible.

In noticing Arizona he says of our lamented Lighthizer, "Death aimed at a shining mark this time." How earnestly we could have prayed that Comp. LIGHTHIZER might have remained many years with us on this side of the waveless sea, but he has entered upon that,—

"Sinless, stirless rest,
That change which never changes,"

While we wait for "Death, the Black Camel, which kneels at the gate of all."

Under California Comp. ERCANBRACK says:—

"Royal Arch Masonry has been reasonably prosperous in California during the past year. In a large proportion of the Chapters the crow, pick-axe and spade have been employed to forcibly impress the lessons of sacrifice and industry. No less than 228 Most Excellent Masons have laid hold of one of those useful implements with a determination to explore mysterious depths. A net increase of eighty should convince any reasonable person that the oncoming generation of men can appreciate the best precepts and act according to them."

Comp. ERCANBRACK notices the absence from the Convocation of our Grand High Priest Comp. GRITMAN, which illness resulted in his death the ensuing month. Verily the "bitter cup of death" has been pressed to the lips of Masons of California the past year. Two Past Grand Masters, two Past Grand High Priests and two Past Grand Commanders have set out on the journey that all must travel, and severed their earthly associations forever.

For kind words in return, thanks, Comp. E.

Under Connecticut, Comp. ERCANBRACK utters a wish which we most heartily reciprocate. He says:—

"Comps. DRUMMOND, PILLANS, ROBERTSON, SCHULTZ, WAIT and BARLOW, long may you remain with us. Nevertheless, Comps. BROWN, PATTON and INNES stand on higher and happier ground than you. Yet—

"Attempt not to fathom the secrets of Heaven,
But gratefully use what to thee is here given;
For none have returned from that realm of bliss,
To tell how those have fared who have prayed much in this."

M. E. AMOS N. ALBERSON was elected Grand High Priest; R. E. ALF WINGATE was re-elected Grand Secretary; Correspondent, Comp. THOMAS K. ERCANBRACK, Anamasa.

The next Annual Convocation will be held at Dubuque September 26th, 1895.

KANSAS.

The Grand Chapter of Kansas held its twenty-ninth Annual Convocation February 19th, 1894,—the M. E. BESTOR G. BROWN, Grand High Priest, the R. E. SPENCER P. WADE, Grand Secretary. Sixty-six chartered Chapters were represented, twenty-four sister Grand Jurisdictions were represented, and eleven Past Grand High Priests were present.

Past Grand High Priest HENRY HAY KNAPP represents the Grand Chapter of Kansas near the Grand Chapter of California.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest, in his Address, pays affectionate tribute to the late beloved leader and representative of the various interests in Kansas Masonry, Comp. JOHN H. BROWN, thus placing another stone in the spiritual monument to his memory. We believe JOHN H. BROWN reigns supreme in the hearts and affections of the Masons of Kansas. The official duties of the Grand High Priest were unusually light, mostly concerning the local interests of the Grand Chapter consequent upon the death of him who had been for so many years the leading spirit and director of its affairs. In regard to decisions, he says:—

“I have fortunately escaped the necessity of making any decisions, for the reason that a new code of laws is to be presented to you at this Annual Convocation for your consideration. I have been compelled to interpret the old laws, but inasmuch as such decisions as I have rendered will be covered by the new code, it is probably not necessary to recite these decisions at this time.”

The Grand Chapter adopted a new Code of By-Laws for the government of the Grand Chapter, and all laws in conflict therewith were repealed.

The Grand Chapter made provision for the entertainment of the General Grand Chapter at its session at Topeka, in August.

There is no report from the Committee on Correspondence this year.

The following is a summary of the condition and work of the jurisdiction for the year ending December 31, 1893:—

Number of Chapters working under charter in 1893.....	77
Number of Chapters whose charters have been revoked.....	—
Number of Chapters receiving charters this year.....	1
Number working under charters in 1894.....	78
Number exalted the past year.....	376
Number admitted the past year.....	52
Number dimitted the past year.....	155
Number reinstated the past year.....	20
Number died the past year.....	56
Number suspended the past year.....	101
Number expelled the past year.....	3
Number members borne on the rolls of Chapters December 31, 1892.....	4,699
Number members borne on the rolls of Chapters December 31, 1893.....	4,947
Net gain over 1892.....	248
Number members exempt by reason of exaltation fees.....	376
Amount of fees and dues collected.....	\$3,018 50

M. E. ROBERT E. NICKLES was elected Grand High Priest; R. E. JACOB DE WITT was elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held at Topeka February 18th, 1895.

CONVENTION OF HIGH PRIESTS.

The Convention of High Priests assembled in the city of Topeka February 20, 1894,—the M.: E.: WM. D. THOMPSON, Grand High Priest, E.: WM. M. SHAVER, Recorder.

Twenty-eight High Priests of their respective Chapters, possessing the necessary qualifications, were admitted and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood. The business being completed, Convention closed.

KENTUCKY.

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky held its Annual Convocation in the City of Louisville October 16th, 1894,—M.: E.: WILLIAM POYNTZ COONS, Grand High Priest; E.: HENRY BANNISTER GRANT, Grand Secretary. Fifty-six Chapters were represented, and there were present twelve Past Grand High Priests.

We are favored in this little volume with a photo group of four Past Grand High Priests—M.: E.: Comps. JAMES WILLIAM STATON, BERNARD GRATZ WITT, HENRY G. SANDIFER and HENRY BANNISTER GRANT, good-looking young men and illustrious Masons.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form. In the Address of the Grand High Priest he returned thanks to the Great I Am for preservation and continued blessings.

Under the head of "Our Dead" he deplores the death of Past Grand High Priests JAMES A. BEATTIE and EDWARD B. JONES, who had passed to eternal rest since the last Convocation, and paid a feeling and eloquent tribute to their memories.

The distinguished dead of sister jurisdictions were also reported and the sympathy of the Grand Chapter tendered them in their bereavement.

No important decisions were rendered.

Owing to the great commercial depression the visitation of Chapters was not as thorough as the Grand High Priest anticipated or would like to have carried out. He reported his attendance upon the General Grand Chapter and the courtesies extended to him during the session. He makes an eloquent plea on behalf of that noble charity, the "Kentucky Home."

The Committee on Correspondence made a brief report, which was ordered printed with the proceedings.

The Committee on Necrology made a feeling report in memory of Grand High Priests BEATTIE and JONES.

E.: Comp. L. D. CRONINGER is the representative of California near the Grand Chapter of Kentucky.

Comp. STATON says of his Report on Correspondence:—

"At the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, 1893, the Finance Committee recommended that the Grand Secretary be requested not to print the report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence in 1894. With this recommendation we concluded that it was useless to spend so much valuable time in the preparation of such a report, only to be consigned to the waste basket, or the tender mercies of the flames. But desiring to be within the bounds of duty and the law, we submitted the question to the Grand High Priest, who, after giving the recommendation of the Finance Committee a close investigation, decided that there was nothing relieving us from the duty of writing the report, and then Grand Chapter could exercise its own judgment as to whether it would have it printed or not. Knowing the object of the recommendation of the committee, we determined to prepare only a very short report, and this we shall endeavor to do. We begin, as usual, with the beginning of the alphabet."

The report is so brief as to furnish no grounds for review, so we give Bro. STATON's conclusion and will hope for a longer report next year. He says:—

"CONCLUSION.—This unsatisfactory report is extended about four pages beyond what was intended, but to make it less than we have is about equivalent to no report at all. It is hard to write a condensed report, but the finances of the Grand Chapter seem to demand it, and yet the law is positive that a report shall be prepared each year, and that may be long or short, according to taste of the writer. I have done the best I could under the circumstances. I hope the finances may shape up soon, so as to enable the committee to present something better. Without an exception there has been gain in membership in all the jurisdictions presented in this review. This is very gratifying, indeed.

JAMES W. STATON, Chairman."

M. E. JAMES D. LEWIS was elected Grand High Priest; E. Comp. HENRY B. GRANT was re-elected Grand Secretary; Chairman of Correspondence, JAMES W. STATON, Brooksville.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the City of Louisville on the third Tuesday in October, 1895.

LOUISIANA.

The Grand Chapter of Louisiana held its forty-seventh Annual Convocation in the City of New Orleans February 13th, 1894,—the M. E. GEORGE JOSIAH PINCKARD, Grand High Priest; R. E. RICHARD LAMBERT, Grand Secretary. Eighteen chartered Chapters were represented and two under dispensation, with seven Past Grand High Priests and the representatives of twenty-three sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Chapter was opened with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest in his Address called the attention of the assembled companions to the death of the illustrious JAMES C. BATCHELOR, Past Deputy Grand High Priest, who was, at the time of his death, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction of the A. and A. Rite; also of Comp. WILLIAM T. BENEDICT, Past Grand High Priest, and Comp. WILLIAM M. EWING, Past Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana.

The Grand High Priest paid deserved tribute to the memories of these eminent companions.

Under the head of Decisions we find but one, but that one is so sensible that we quote it for the benefit of our young friends who talk about the use of substitutes as an innovation:—

"I have received but one question during the year requiring an opinion. This comes up from E. Comp. GEORGE W. BOLTON, High Priest of *Keystone* Chapter, No. 44, asking a dispensation to use a substitute in what is technically known as making up a team for the R. A. Degree.

"Ruled, it was unnecessary in this jurisdiction, as the practice is as old as the Grand Chapter itself."

The Committee on Work made the following report:—

"Your Committee on Work respectfully report that, having carefully considered the absolute necessity of uniformity in the work, the necessity of possessing such work as will enable our companions to readily prove themselves when visiting foreign jurisdictions, the fact that the work of the General Grand Chapter has been either adopted by all other Grand Chapters absolutely, or in such form as to be so, substantially, we therefore recommend that it be adopted by this Grand Chapter as the Louisiana work; it being understood that each High Priest is at liberty to further illustrate the teachings of the several degrees in his lectures as he may deem conducive to the inculcation thereof."

After considerable discussion on the above report, and on motion of E. Comp. HENRY C. BROWN, it was—

“Resolved, That the Rituals now in possession of the Grand Secretary be distributed one to each Chapter in this State, and the matter of adopting the same be left over until our next Annual Convocation.”

Adopted.

The following is a summary of the work for the past year :—

Number of Chartered Chapters.....	18
Number making returns for 1893.....	18
Number exalted during the year.....	103
Number affiliated during the year.....	16
Number reinstated during the year.....	2
Total increase.....	121
Dimitted.....	3
Died.....	22
Suspended.....	20
Expelled.....	1
Total decrease.....	46
Gain.....	75
Total number of members December 31st, 1893.....	867

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Grand Council of High Priests of Louisiana assembled in convention in the City of New Orleans February 13th, 1894,—the M. E. HERMAN C. DUNCAN, D. D., President; M. E. RICHARD LAMBERT being Recorder.

The Council was opened in due form. Three companion High Priests, possessing the necessary qualifications, were elected to receive the Orders of High Priesthood.

Council adjourned to meet February 14th, when it met, and, the High Priests elected being present, were admitted and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

The election of officers being in order, Past Grand High Priest GEORGE J. PINCKARD was elected M. E. President and Past Grand High Priest RICHARD LAMBERT Recorder.

The business of the Convention being concluded, Convention adjourned.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Past Grand High Priest HERMAN C. DUNCAN, who reviews the legislation of thirty-nine Grand Chapters, although we miss California from those reviewed, but as there are no vital questions at issue affecting the interests of Capitular Masonry at this time we will wait until next year for Comp. DUNCAN's comments upon the irregularities that will at times crop out in an organization so widely extended and of such rapid growth. In noticing the difficulties of Arkansas and other jurisdictions in adopting and confining the work to the General Grand Chapter Ritual, Comp. DUNCAN concludes that the importance of having the work in cipher *somewhere* is very evident.

He is also clear upon the powers and duties of a Chapter, and agrees with us that after being chartered it must be “duly constituted” before exercising any of the powers of a regular chartered and constituted Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

He also argues that the use of substitutes is not only permissible, but advisable.

He believes in a liberal interpretation of the doctrine of physical qualifications—that is, where a petitioner is able to comply literally with the requirements of the several degrees there is no bar, which is our law.

He disapproves of the "no fence law" or permitting a brother to apply for the Capitular Degrees to any Chapter in the State Jurisdiction which he might elect, holding that there should be some universal law of jurisdiction over material.

We admire Comp. DUNCAN's courteous, yet positive, expression of opinions and the clear-cut sentences in which he closes his conclusions. The report is an admirable one.

M. E. A. C. ALLEN was elected Grand High Priest; R. E. RICHARD LAMBERT was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the City of New Orleans on Tuesday after the second Monday in February, 1895.

Past Grand High Priest HERMAN COPE DUNCAN of Alexandria is Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. Address of Grand Secretary, Lock Drawer 81, P. O., New Orleans, La.

MAINE.

The Grand Chapter of Maine held its sixty-ninth Annual Convocation in the city of Portland May 1, 1894,—the M. E. ALBERT M. PENLEY, Grand High Priest, the R. E. STEPHEN BERRY, Grand Secretary. Fifty Chapters were represented. Thirteen Past Grand High Priests answered "present," and the representatives of thirty-three sister Grand Jurisdictions reported for duty.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Comp. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND represents California near the Grand Chapter of Maine.

Excellent portraits in steel of Grand High Priest ALBERT M. PENLEY and Past Grand High Priest JOHN J. BELL are published in this volume.

After extending a cordial greeting to the assembled companions, the Grand High Priest reported his official acts during the recess of the Grand Chapter. First alluding to the vacant seats caused by the visit of the "grim messenger," he delivered a brief eulogy on the life and Masonic service of Past Grand High Priest JOHN J. BELL, a resident of New Hampshire at the time of his death, but a former resident and companion of Maine.

He also named the many eminent companions of sister jurisdictions who had passed to rest during the year, and extended the sympathy of the Grand Chapter of Maine to all sister jurisdictions who mourn the loss of brethren and companions.

Through the district organization, and the efforts of the Grand Officers, the Chapters were generally visited and inspected, the condition being reported to the Grand High Priest.

Comp. DRUMMOND moved to amend the regulation in regard to the "Returns of Chapters," to read as follows:—

"*Resolved*, That returns of Chapters be made in duplicate, and that each copy be transmitted to the Grand Treasurer, together with dues, on or before the 15th day of April annually, the blank receipt for dues upon each copy shall be filled and signed by the Grand Treasurer, and one copy returned to the Chapter making the returns, and one to the Grand Secretary. Each Chapter shall also forward to the Grand Treasurer an abstract of the work and dues, on blanks to be furnished by the Grand Secretary. A receipt for dues shall be given to each Chapter, as a voucher, for the files of its Treasurer."

Which we think is an excellent regulation.

The jurisdiction of Maine is composed of fifty-three Chapters, with a membership of 5,528 Royal Arch Masons.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Council of the Order of High Priesthood assembled during the session of the Grand Chapter May 2, 1894,—the M. E. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, President, the R. E. STEPHEN BERRY, Recorder.

The Council was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Chaplain.

The Treasurer reported balance on hand, on deposit in Maine Savings Bank, \$376.19.

The present officers were re-elected.

Twenty-four companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters and otherwise qualified, were introduced and received the Order of High Priesthood.

Twenty-six companions were elected, while but twenty-four presented themselves for the Order. Unless the two companions who were absent should appear at the next session of the Council, their election would lapse and become of no effect.

The Council was closed, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Charity Fund of the Grand Chapter of Maine, on deposit in the Portland Savings Bank, amounts to \$4,753.

Past Grand High Priest EDWARD COLEMAN is the representative of Maine near the Grand Chapter of California.

Comp. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND presents the Report on Correspondence, which includes the Jurisdictions of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ireland, New South Wales and Scotland, fifty-one Grand Royal Arch Bodies. Like all of Comp. DRUMMOND's reports, it needs no introduction. As the old Whig once said of HENRY CLAY's mouth, "It speaks for itself."

Comp. DRUMMOND drops his spray of acacia upon the grave of our lamented Comp. LIGHTHIZER, as he proceeds in usual reviewing order. He says: "We lament his death, not only because of the loss to the Craft, but also because by it we lose one in whom we had become personally interested."

Under California, Comp. DRUMMOND refers to the absence, through illness, of our Grand High Priest, Comp. GRITMAN, at our last convocation. Of course, Comp. DRUMMOND has learned since that time that the result of the indisposition of our Grand High Priest was a call to "come up higher," and our companion, with whom we had the most pleasant associations for many years, passed out of our lives to eternal rest.

He reports our action in relation to delinquent Secretaries, and thinks if they get CASWELL's gentle reminder with the committee's report they will not be able to give "forgetfulness" as an excuse.

This correspondent appreciates the kind words of Comp. DRUMMOND, and will always aim to deserve his approval.

Under the District of Columbia, in regard to the practice of moving that the Grand Secretary, or someone else, cast the vote of the Grand Body for A. B., Comp. DRUMMOND says:—

"We object to it, because the law requires the election to be by ballot. If the motion is *recorded*, the election would be declared illegal if it ever came in question. If an objection is made, it creates feeling, unless the parties are more than human. We know one companion who always objects, and does so on the ground that if he does so always, it will not cause ill-feeling in a particular case. We do not believe that the saving of time is a sufficient reason for violating the law in this case more than in all cases."

Under Georgia, Comp. DRUMMOND gives this good advice:—

"There was one ripple upon the otherwise smooth waters upon which this ship was sailing. An 'open letter' to the Grand High Priest was published in a paper, apparently claiming to be of a Masonic character. Upon the face of it its publication was unwarranted; if the allegations (that Chapters were working contrary to law), were true, publication of them was the last thing that a Mason ought to do. We refer to this in order to repeat what we have before written—that the publication of Masonic action, outside of the official channel, is becoming a serious matter; the Masonic and Secular press, eager for news, seem to be pushing their reports to the very verge of unlawfulness, saying nothing of propriety."

Advice good for every day in the week for Maine, Georgia or California.

Under Illinois, in regard to the right to levy a tax for charitable purposes, Comp. DRUMMOND writes:—

"This question is one of the greatest importance. If a Grand Chapter has the rightful power to tax members of its obedience to raise money for charitable purposes, it follows of course that there is no limit to this power; but as the Grand Chapter 'can do no wrong,' this is no argument against the right to use this power. But as Comp. PRERSON suggests, is it not a fundamental principle in Masonry that every Mason has the inherent right to determine for himself how much he will give in charity, subject only to discipline for wilfully violating or evading his duty in this regard? What say, companions?"

M. E. SEWARD S. STEARNS was elected Grand High Priest; R. E. STEPHEN BERRY was re-elected Grand Secretary; Chairman of Correspondence, JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, Portland.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Portland May 7, 1895.

MARYLAND.

An Emergent Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Maryland was held in the city of Baltimore November 26, 1893, for the purpose of participating in the obsequies of Past Grand High Priest, Comp. ROBERT K. MARTIN, who died suddenly November 24. The services were held under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. The following tribute to Comp. MARTIN was ordered of record:—

"The Grand Chapter of Maryland gives expression to its great sorrow at the loss of one of its most beloved members, Comp. ROBERT KIRKWOOD MARTIN, Past Grand High Priest, whose life, ever an open book, was the incentive for constant emulation on the part of his companions. To weep because of our loss and his sudden taking off is manly, and we mingle our tears with those of his family in mourning our mutual bereavement.

"To his virtues as citizen, Mason and friend we bear our testimony, and his memory will ever be to us a priceless heritage."

The Grand Chapter held its ninety-seventh Annual Convocation in the city of Baltimore November 13, 1894,—the M. E. WILLIAM E. ARNOLD, Grand High Priest, the R. E. GEORGE L. McCAHAN, Grand Secretary. Thirteen chartered Chapters were represented. There were present nine Past Grand High Priests, and the representatives of twenty-nine sister Grand Jurisdictions, including California.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

The Deputy Grand High Priest of Connecticut, R. E. ATHERTON L. BARNES, was introduced and given a cordial welcome.

In his Address, the Grand High Priest, after greeting the companions, and acknowledging the goodness and mercy of the Heavenly Father in preserving them to meet again in Annual Convocation, referred to the vacant seats in their

assembly. He paid affectionate tribute to the personal worth and Masonic character of those whose names had been engraven upon the death roll, and extended the sympathy of the Grand Chapter to the stricken households.

He referred to the death of the many eminent companions of sister jurisdictions who had gone up with their work for inspection, and commended them to the care of the Grand High Priest above. He recommended that pages in the proceedings be set apart, in memory of the deceased companions.

No important decisions had been rendered.

The Grand High Priest reported but few visitations.

The report of the delegates to the Grand Chapter was published.

The commissions of representatives near other Grand Chapters having expired, new appointments were made, among whom we note the name of Comp. JACOB HART NEFF, for California.

The Grand Treasurer reported that during the year he had visited every Chapter in the jurisdiction, and found their condition eminently satisfactory.

The Grand Secretary publishes Comp. DRUMMOND's table of statistics, by which it appears there are 192,875 Royal Arch Masons in the United States, Canada, Nova Scotia and Quebec.

The Council of High Priests of Maryland convened November 13th in Baltimore, during the session of the Grand Chapter,—the M. E. JAMES W. BOWERS President.

The Council adopted the following resolution :—

"This Council of M. E. High Priests gives expression to its grief at its loss by death, of our beloved Companions ROBERT KIRKWOOD MARTIN, F. OLIVER BARRITT and JAMES H. BROWN, and affectionately inscribes a page of its record to their memory.

"Resolved, That we proffer cordial sympathy to our Companions JOHN H. GRIFFIN and WILLIAM H. SHROCK, sincerely trusting that they may be speedily restored to health."

Five companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters and otherwise qualified, were anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

The Council resolved :—

"This Council of Anointed High Priests, in anticipation of the presence in this city of many of the representatives of similar Councils, on the occasion of the Centennial of the General Grand Chapter in 1897, hereby tenders them a cordial welcome and assurance of its care and assistance in the holding of a Convocation of Anointed High Priests."

The Council was then closed.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. EDWARD T. SCHULTZ, Chairman. He has examined and comments upon the doings of forty-seven Grand Chapters and the General Grand Chapter. Nevada, Wyoming and Maine didn't come to hand. He especially regrets the absence of Maine, we can well understand why. He gets tired of non-combatants, and wants some one to "warm him up," and he knows that Comp. DRUMMOND, like BARKIS, is always "willin'."

As usual, Comp. SCHULTZ gives us a most excellent report, a thoughtful digest of Capitular Masonry, founded upon the experience of a searcher after the truth of history—this is his nineteenth. May he continue his labors indefinitely for the education and enlightenment of his brethren. We write this mindful of the fact that "To the past go more dead faces every year:" WHEELER, VEHSLEGE, CONNOR

have obeyed the summons, and we shall read their cheerful selections no more; they have rested from their labors, and we must soon follow. "What man is he that liveth and shall not see death?"

Under Arizona, Comp. SCHULTZ joins in the general regret, manifested by all who have been associated with him in the exchange of correspondence, on learning of the death of our friend and Comp. LIGHTHIZER, the genial correspondent of the Grand Chapter of Arizona. "May the earliest buds of spring shed their blossoms over his last resting place, and there may the sweetness of the summer's last rose linger longest!"

Under California, he notes the illness of our Grand High Priest CHARLES RAY GRITMAN, but had not heard of the fatal result consequent upon it. In one short month after the close of the session, our gifted companion had passed to his eternal rest.

Comp. SHULTZ notes the resolution of our Grand Chapter in regard to the Order of High Priesthood, and adds:—

"In our jurisdiction the reception of the Order of High Priesthood is made a prerequisite for installation. In many jurisdictions it is not. The order may be conferred at any time during the term or after it has expired."

Comp. SHULTZ quotes fully our comments on various subjects, and is pleased to give them his approval, which we duly appreciate.

Under Connecticut, after exchanging kind words with Comp. WHEELER, he learns the sad tidings and writes:—

"But we are pained to say that while preparing this report the sad intelligence reaches us that Comp. WHEELER has joined the innumerable throng that have gone before. At this moment we have no particulars of his death more than it occurred October 10th."

Under Florida, we agree fully with Comp. SCHULTZ, that a Chapter in embryo becomes a lawful Chapter only when such Chapter has been organized under the law provided and regularly constituted—when, and not before, officers can be chosen to preside over its deliberations.

Under New Hampshire, in commenting on Comp. WAIT's expressions referring to physical requirements, he writes this reasonable opinion, in which we concur:—

"We do not quite hold to the 'perfect youth doctrine,' as we remarked in the review quoted, but we do hold that it is a farce, if nothing worse, to ask a person to do 'what you know he is physically unable to do.' Unless, therefore, the forms and ceremonies practiced in the conferring the degrees of Masonry are to be held as unmeaning and unnecessary and may be dispensed with at pleasure, said degrees cannot be conferred upon any one who is not able to comply literally with those forms and ceremonies."

The M. E. EDWARD R. TRIPPE was elected Grand High Priest; the M. E. GEORGE L. McCAHAN was re-elected Grand Secretary. Chairman of Correspondence, E. EDWARD T. SCHULTZ, Baltimore.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Baltimore November 12, 1895.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Grand Chapter of Massachusetts held a Quarterly Convocation in the city of Boston March 13th, 1894.—M. E. J. GILMAN WAITE, Grand High Priest, R. E. SERANUS BOWEN, Grand Secretary. Thirty-four Chapters were represented. There were also present eighteen permanent members, and the Representatives of twenty sister Grand Jurisdictions, including California.

A fine steel portrait of Past Grand High Priest SMITH B. HARRINGTON adds to the interest of this volume.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

• Measures were taken for representation in the General Grand Chapter in August.

District deputies were installed for the second, fourth and sixth districts.

A second Quarterly was held June 12, 1894, at which it was resolved to invite the General Grand Chapter to hold its Triennial Convocation in 1897 in the city of Boston.

A third Quarterly was held September 11. The Grand High Priest made a report of the doings of the General Grand Chapter and promised a full statement in his Annual Address.

The Grand High Priest reported that a commodious safe had been procured and placed in the office of the Grand Secretary at 28 School street.

The Annual Convocation was held in the city of Boston, December 11th, 1894. Sixty-six Chapters were represented. Twenty-one permanent members answered the roll call as present, also the Representatives of twenty-five sister Grand Jurisdictions, including California.

At 9:30 A. M. the entrance of the M. E. Grand High Priest and officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was proclaimed by the Grand Captain of the Host, and the Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with devotional exercises by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest announced the first business to be the exemplification of the work and lectures of the several Chapter degrees by the Grand Lecturers and their assistants, and requested the Grand Lecturer to proceed with the work. The attendance was very large and attentive to the work, which was admirably done throughout.

An evening session was held at which sixty-seven Chapters were represented.

The receipts for the year were \$3,543.56. The "funds" of the Grand Chapter amount to \$11,660.86.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, including a detailed report of his official acts, giving the companions the assurances of increased prosperity from all sides. He says "throughout the jurisdiction 'loyalty' is the watchword—loyalty to the great principles that support and permeate our sublime institution—loyalty to the teachings of the fathers—loyalty to all that makes for the ennoblement of character and the upbuilding of men."

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The R. E. SERANUS BOWEN, Secretary of Massachusetts Convention of High Priests, certifies that twenty companions (named), High Priests of their respective Chapters, had received the Order of High Priesthood since the last annual report. The General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter (M. E. ARTHUR G. POLLARD), presided during the election and installation of officers.

Comp. SERANUS BOWEN presents his Report on Correspondence, a review of the doings of forty-five Grand Royal Arch Bodies, from him we learn that

Capitular Masonry in the "old Bay State" is "sailing on," favored by fair winds and a full tide. Well, we don't wonder at it; we remember that a certain Grand Chaplain appeared at the "Grand Feast" and expressed the wish to join the Masons of Massachusetts in whatever would make "this Boston," "this United States," "this world," more given over to whatsoever is just and true, and genuine among men, and as that language seems to describe the condition of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, we think, of course, that Bro. HORTON has been getting in his work.

Under Arizona, Comp. BOWEN joins in the universal sorrow at the death of our friend and correspondent, LIGHTHIZER.

In reviewing California, Comp. BOWEN remarks the absence of our Grand High Priest, M. E. CHAS. R. GRITMAN, caused by what was supposed to be temporary illness; but, alas, for human calculations; in one short month from the close of our Convocation he had gone from among us forever—such are the uncertainties of human life.

Our Deputy Grand High Priest, Comp. ELLISON L. CRAWFORD, presided at the session. M. E. ALEXANDER G. OLIVER, Grand High Priest of Arizona, was present, was introduced and welcomed, and, at the close of the session, installed the officers elect.

Comp. BOWEN quotes freely from our report and generally gives our views his endorsement, especially in the use of substitutes, the selection of officers without the usual "routine" observance, and, as to the Past Master's degree, he quotes our conclusion in full.

Comp. BOWEN says: "We have read this entire report with great pleasure, and look forward with pleasant anticipations to meeting Companion DAVIES in 1895."

Thanks, Companion BOWEN.

Comp. BOWEN quotes from Comp. CONOVER, of Michigan, the following "unvarnished" truth. In reviewing Comp. BOWEN, he (CONOVER) says: "'He (BOWEN) objects to the Michigan law that an objection has the same effect as a black ball, and thinks the old way of an objection holding good for life is better.' Well, there are some things on which good friends may disagree, and this is one of them. The 'perpetual objection' opens the door for so much personal spite work and contemptible meanness on the part of companions who are disposed to take advantage of it, that we were glad to see it go. Royal Arch Masons are but men, and some of them, we are sorry to say, very small specimens of men, and some of these little fellows delight in keeping some really good men out of the Chapter to satisfy some little, petty, personal grudge. Oh, no! Not any more perpetual objection for us. You can have it all if you want it."

M. E. J. GILMAN WAITE was re-elected Grand High Priest;

R. E. SERANUS BOWEN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Correspondent, SERANUS BOWEN, 28 School street, Boston.

MICHIGAN.

The Grand Chapter of Michigan held its forty-sixth Annual Convocation in the city of Detroit January 15, 1895.—M. E. JAMES H. CUMMINS, Grand High Priest, R. E. JEFFERSON S. CONOVER, Grand Secretary. One hundred and twenty-six Chapters out of the one hundred and twenty-seven active Chapters on the roll were represented. Twelve Past Grand High Priests and one Past Deputy Grand were present.

The speaking portrait of M. E. JAMES H. CUMMINS, Grand High Priest, invites the reader to examine the doings of the Grand Chapter for the year 1894.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

The Grand Chapter accepted an invitation to witness the exemplification of the Royal Arch Degree by *King Cyrus* Chapter on that evening.

The Eminent HUGH McCURDY, Grand Master of Templars in the United States, was named as chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

With a poetic opening, the Grand High Priest welcomes the companions to their annual festival; he commends his companions for their faithfulness and attention to duty through a year of great depression in all business enterprises, and requested all to join him in thanks to the Great Ruler for his manifold blessings of the year, and his preservation of their Grand Chapter from the visitation of the Great Destroyer.

Under the head of Necrology, he quotes the familiar lines:

"There is a reaper whose name is Death,
And with his sickle keen,
He reaps the bearded grain at a breath,
And the flowers that grow between."

While expressing his gratitude that the officers of their Grand Chapter have been spared, he gives expression to their sympathy for sister jurisdictions who have suffered the loss of eminent and beloved companions. He says:—

"While it affords me much pleasure to be able to announce that among the Grand and Past Grand Officers of this jurisdiction the Reaper has seen fit to pass us by, still we mourn the loss of many noble Royal Arch Masons with whom we have in times past been in loyal touch and whom it was always a pleasure to meet; but we live with the assurance that they are not dead, but simply passed beyond, and are waiting for us. It is not pleasant to miss the accustomed hand shake and the words of comfort as poured in our ears by them in the years past and gone; still, our loss, we hope, is their gain.

"We extend to our sister Grand Jurisdictions our heartfelt sympathies in the loss of many illustrious companions who have crossed the dark river in the past year."

Among the official acts reported by the Grand High Priest, no unusual transactions or decisions are noted—a condition which the Grand High Priest attributes to the "Great wisdom displayed by the Grand Chapter in its thorough dissemination of the constitution, laws, and edicts of the Grand Chapter to the subordinate Chapters. He says the companions were so thirsty for the knowledge contained in said Codes and Digest that no further instruction as to the law is needed; they have, as it were, become masters of the work.

He recommends the incorporation of the Grand Chapter—that the Grand Chapter of Michigan may have a legal as well as a Masonic standing. He says, sadly: "We cannot sue or be sued." Which we think a deliverance from evils for which we should be devoutly thankful, Most Excellent. We do not want to sue anybody, and we certainly should be very sorry to have our Chapter sued by some disgruntled companion and compelled to exhibit its records in justice's court to satisfy the revengeful feelings of one who perhaps thought himself injured in some matter of discipline. No incorporation for us.

The Grand High Priest closes his address with a burst of patriotic pride which makes us almost wish we lived in Michigan. He says:—

"Companions, I feel proud that I am a Master Mason, and also a Royal Arch Mason of this great and glorious Grand Jurisdiction, the superior of which does

not exist in this or any other country. A State that is always in the front, whether it be in peace or war, religion or politics: a State, and the only State that can claim "Our Hugh," one of Nature's noblemen, together with hundreds of others of the same kind of courteous and genial gentlemen."

Comp. F. A. BLADES, chairman, presented a report of the Committee on Obituaries, which, but for its length, we should be glad to copy. It is an eloquent tribute of fraternal affection to those companions, our own kindred and brethren of sister jurisdictions, forming a part of our national organization, who have been with us in our life work of rebuilding the City and House of the Lord, but who, in obedience to divine command, have passed within the vails to enjoy a period of rest from their labors.

"We grieve to think our eyes no more
That form, those features loved shall trace;
But sweet it is from memory's store
To cull each fondly cherished grace."

A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

The following was adopted:—

"Resolved, That any companion who has attended this Grand Chapter for twenty consecutive years shall be hereafter entitled to the printed proceedings of this Grand Chapter."

The Grand Chapter of Michigan numbers on its roll 127 Chapters, with a membership of 12,338 Royal Arch Masons.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Grand Council of High Priests of Michigan held its thirty-fifth Annual Convocation during the session of the Grand Chapter. M. E. TRAVERSE PHILLIPS, President, E. D. BURNHAM TRACY, Recorder. The Grand Council was opened in Ample Form. Three companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, and otherwise qualified, having been elected, were admitted, introduced and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood. After the election of officers for the ensuing year, the Grand Council closed.

The Report on Correspondence is written by Comp. JEFFERSON S. CONOVER, assisted by Comp. GARA B. NOBLE, whose kindly proffered assistance was welcomed and accepted by Comp. CONOVER with exceeding great joy. The work of each bears the author's mark, and is a faithful review of the doings in the Grand Bodies of Capitulat Masonry.

In his notice of California, Comp. NOBLE notes the illness of Grand High Priest CHAS. R. GRITMAN, and the discharge of his duties by Deputy ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD. Our Grand High Priest was at the time "under the shadow of death" and remained with us but a few short weeks after the close of the session. In addition to the death of Comp. GRITMAN, California also mourns the loss of a well-beloved Past Grand High Priest, Comp. JOHN MILLS BROWNE, for the last few years a resident of Washington, D. C., having through all the years of his manhood been attached to the Naval Service of the United States. As the years advance how much oftener and closer together seem to come the visits of the Grim Messenger. But a few months since Comp. BROWNE was called; then came a message for INNES and CONNOR, and in a few short days for WHEELER and ROBERT McCOR; and, while reading his report for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, we note in the morning paper the death of RICHARD VAUX. Well may we ask, "Who next?"

There seems to be no burning subjects for discussion brought forward by Comp. CONOVER at this time, probably for Comp. SWAIN, of Missouri's reason: He says, "We have discussed no new questions this year because there were none to discuss."

M. E. CHAS. D. BLANCHARD was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. JEFFERSON S. CONOVER was re-elected Grand Secretary. Correspondent, Comp. JEFF. S. CONOVER, Coldwater.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Detroit January 21, 1896.

MINNESOTA.

The Grand Chapter of Minnesota held its thirty-third Annual Convocation in the City of St. Paul October 9th, 1894,—M. E. WILLIAM P. JEWETT, Grand High Priest; R. E. THOMAS MONTGOMERY, Grand Secretary. Fifty-four Chapters were represented. Nine Past Grand High Priests answered roll-call and the representatives of twenty-five sister jurisdictions were present.

The Grand Chapter was opened with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

After opening with a fraternal greeting, the Grand High Priest reported his official acts and congratulated the Grand Chapter upon the satisfactory condition of the jurisdiction. He congratulated the companions that their official ranks remained unbroken, although the dread messenger had invaded the sanctuary of many neighboring jurisdictions. Of the Past Officers of Minnesota the Grand High Priest reports the death of Comp. O. T. HAYES, the first Grand King of the Grand Chapter. He mentions the illustrious dead of sister jurisdictions, our own Grand High Priest GRITMAN being named with others on the roll. He says:—

"To these honored names I would append those of companions, members of our own subordinate Chapters, who, too, have crossed over the dark river, leaving the record of well-spent lives and zealous service in the cause of Royal Arch Masonry."

"Peace to their ashes! Rest to their souls!"

His decisions were of local interest, relating to the subject of dues.

The revised Ritual, approved by the General Grand Chapter, is in the hands of all High Priests of Minnesota.

The volume contains the portraits of Comp. WILLIAM PARKER JEWETT, Grand High Priest, and also of Past Grand High Priest WILLIAM J. HAHN of 1882.

Grand Secretary THOMAS MONTGOMERY gives the receipts of the past year at \$3,097.00. The disbursements by the Grand Treasurer were \$2,382.45.

Minnesota carries fifty-seven Chapters on its roll, with a membership of 4,498 Royal Arch Masons.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Convention of High Priests of Minnesota was held during the session of the Grand Chapter at St. Paul October 9th, 1894,—M. E. THOMAS MONTGOMERY, President, E. Comp. CHARLES D. BOYCE, Recorder. Convention opened in Ample Form. Ten companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters and otherwise qualified, having been elected, were introduced, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the office of High Priesthood. The Convention was then closed.

Comp. THOMAS MONTGOMERY, Past Grand High Priest and Chairman, presents his Report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the doings of forty-eight Grand Royal Arch Bodies, the Grand Chapter of Nevada alone failing to come to hand. Comp. MONTGOMERY is a painstaking writer; he never slights anything

but analyzes with patient industry the purpose and intent of the sentence upon which the regulation under fire is founded. Such work always brings good results. His tables of statistics are valuable contributions to Masonry, as they furnish information on sight that would require hours of patient investigation to acquire.

With his fellow Correspondents, in passing Arizona, he drops the sympathetic tear upon the coffin of our late friend and Comp. LIGHTRIZER.

Under California he notes the illness of Grand High Priest CHARLES R. GRITMAN, of whose death he has since learned, and the presiding Deputy Grand High Priest, ELLISON L. CRAWFORD, whose address is liberally quoted from. He quotes from and comments on the report of the writer and generally concurs in his expressed opinions, thinks our regulations for suspension for non-payment of dues perhaps rather severe, but agrees with us fully in condemnation of the miserable doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction and also the discussion of the ballot. We are pleased with your approval, Bro. MONTGOMERY, and feel stronger for it.

Under Connecticut Bro. MONTGOMERY makes sorrowful mention of the death of our dear friend and Correspondent, Comp. JOSEPH K. WHEELER, and pays a loving tribute to his memory.

From his review of Indiana we quote from Chairman THOMAS B. LONG the following, as possibly of interest to our Grand Chapter :—

“The science of making engravings from photographic plates is giving additional interest to the published proceedings of Grand Bodies in all the departments of Masonry. A few dollars' expense for a photo engraving, giving an absolutely perfect portrait of a Grand or Past Grand Officer, instead of the outlay of \$150 for a steel plate, now brings about the general perpetuation of the faces of many esteemed and distinguished Masons.”

M. : E. : FRANK B. FOBES was elected Grand High Priest; R. : E. : THOMAS MONTGOMERY was re-elected Grand Secretary; Chairman of Correspondence, THOMAS MONTGOMERY, St. Paul.

The next Annual Convocation will be held at St. Paul October 8, 1895.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Grand Chapter of Mississippi held its forty-sixth Annual Convocation in the city of Holly Springs February 14, 1894,—the M. : E. : J. K. McLEOD, Grand High Priest, the R. : E. : J. L. POWER, Grand Secretary. Thirty-five chartered Chapters were represented, and there were six Past Grand High Priests present.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest having greeted the companions assembled in Annual Convocation, reminded them of the many reasons for thanks to the Great Creator and Preserver, for His blessings in shielding them from the fury of the tempest and the ravages of pestilence, which at one time invaded their borders and threatened them with destruction, and although financial disaster had overtaken neighboring communities, they had been spared and passed through the trial comparatively uninjured. For these and many other blessings he would have his companions raise their voices together as one, in prayers of thanksgiving and praise to the ever-living and true God.

The address is confined to a recapitulation of the official business transacted during the year, and is entirely of local interest. We note, however, as an un-

usual occurrence, that the Grand High Priest refused to grant the issuance of five special dispensation applied for by the several Chapters. The purposes were "to receive and act upon a petition before the petitioner had resided in the jurisdiction of the Chapter the time required by law; to receive, refer and ballot on the petitions of several candidates at the same meeting." We think the Grand High Priest should be commended for his action.

We notice the following report from the Committee on Capitular Law; of course it is good law, as we should expect nothing else from that committee. But the construction would be unnecessary in California, as our Constitution provides, Sec. 2 of Article XIV:—

"Every member in good standing, and whose dues are paid, shall be entitled to vote at all elections; and every voter shall be eligible to any office in the Chapter."

The subject of this report is the "Qualifications of a High Priest," and the committee say:—

"The Committee on Capitular Law beg leave to report that they have had under consideration the question as to whether the High Priest-elect of a Chapter must have been installed as King or Scribe, to render him eligible to installation as High Priest. We know of no such usage or law; such, however, has been the custom with some of our Chapters, which have followed the rule prevailing in the Lodge, where the Master must have previously been installed as a Warden to qualify him for installation as Master. The reason of this was, perhaps, because in all matters in Royal Arch Masonry, where there is no specific law, the law of the Grand Lodge governs. While this is a good and safe rule, it would not prevail over a long established custom to the contrary. Investigation elicits the fact that it is not the custom, generally throughout the United States, to require previous service as King or Scribe to qualify the High Priest-elect of a Chapter, though it does prevail in at least one jurisdiction. As it does not rest upon any written law, and has only been confined to a portion of our Chapters, it cannot be said to have been a usage in this jurisdiction. We see many practical reasons why it should not be required, and are of the opinion that the only qualifications should be knowledge of the Ritual and the faculty of presiding.

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERIC SPEED,
JOHN Y. MURRY,
JOHN K. FULSON,
Committee."

Statistical summary of the work of the jurisdiction:—

Chapters making report for 1893	39
Chapters revived	1
Chapters failing to report	7
Chapters represented at Grand Convocation	33
Exalted 1893	71
Affiliated	27
Reinstated	10
Dimitted	34
Suspended for non-payment of dues	55
Died	33
Total membership in Chapters reporting	1237
Estimated in Chapters not reporting	100
Total affiliated in Jurisdiction	1337
Total dues of Chapters reporting	\$1386 25
Total receipts for 1893	1393 82
Disbursements 1893	1286 73

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Annual Convention of the High Priests of Mississippi was held in the city of Holly Springs on February 15, 1894,—the M.: E.: ROBERT B. BRANNIN, President, the E.: J. L. POWER, Recorder.

Convention opened in Due Form.

Eight companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, having been elected, were admitted and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

The business being concluded, Convention closed.

How uncertain is the tenure of human life! On the 16th of May the Grand High Priest performed the sad duty of announcing to the Royal Arch Masons of Mississippi the death of Comp. ROBERT B. BRANNIN, President of the Convention of High Priests, and Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter. He died in his fifty-sixth year. How often we are reminded of the lines of the great poet, Comp. ALBERT PIKE:—

“To the past go more dead faces every year.”

Our lamented Past Grand High Priest GEO. TUTTLE GRIMES, is accredited as being the representative of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi near the Grand Chapter of California. But as our Comp. GRIMES “crossed the river” several years since, it would seem to be in order for our companions of Mississippi to nominate a live representative to attend to the interests of Mississippi near the Golden Gate.

The portrait of Past Grand High Priest THOMAS JEFFERSON HARPER precedes the opening page of this volume of proceedings.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by Past Grand High Priest P. M. SAVERY—a review of forty-two jurisdictions. We have read it through, and affirm that is neither a “useless expense” nor is it “worthless,” but is a painstaking commentary upon the legislation of Capitular Masonry in our country and neighbors of Canada. It is true that we have nothing to quarrel about; the times are peaceful—there is no conflict of interests to compromise, nor even a difficult proposition to solve—in fact, we are all agreed in “peace, love and unity” to serve loyally the General Grand Chapter and its Royal Arch Constituents wherever found, and to preserve with jealous care the secrets entrusted to us for transmission to our successors.

Comp. SAVERY quotes liberally under California from the Grand High Priest and the reports of the several committees of our Grand Chapter. He also writes approvingly of the work of the writer, for which he has our thanks.

Under Texas, Comp. SAVERY, upon the work of the committee appointed by the General Grand Chapter (Comp. FREDERIC SPEED, Chairman), to courteously urge upon the Grand Chapter of Texas the invitation of the General Grand Chapter to become again of our kindred and brethren in the national organization, makes these comments:—

“But the most important part of the proceedings is that where the special committee appointed by the General Grand Chapter to urge the Grand Chapter of Texas to pay allegiance to the General Grand, appeared on the floor of the aforesaid Grand Chapter and delivered their message. M. E. Comp. LEMON, General Grand King of the General Grand Chapter, together with Grand High Priest FREDERIC SPEED (our FRED), constituted the committee. Courteously was their mission announced. Courteously was it received, and words of love fell from lips that, while they differ from each other in the matter in hand, yet acknowledged the sacred ties of the mystic brotherhood. The companions of Texas are excelsior in this respect. The committee to whom the subject alluded to was referred, was composed of the brightest and best, as well as the wisest of the Craft, and they differed in council, preparing and presenting both a majority and minority report, both of which were laid on table subject to call. The matter is not yet settled, and it may never be in accordance with the wishes of all.

“Of one thing we feel assured, our Texas companions will not be coerced. Friendship, exemplified by acts, may lead them and wisdom guide them, but commands will never influence them.”

We had strong hopes of a different result from the efforts of that very able committee, but we will wait in full confidence that Texas will be "of us" in the near future.

M. : E. : WM. STARLING was elected Grand High Priest ; R. : E. : J. L. POWER was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of West Point in February, 1895.

MISSOURI.

The Grand Chapter of Missouri held its forty-seventh Annual Convocation in Kansas City April 26th, 1894,—M. : E. : ALLAN McDOWELL, Grand High Priest ; R. : E. : WILLIAM H. MAYO, Grand Secretary. Eighty-six chartered Chapters were represented. There were present thirteen Past Grand High Priests and the representatives of twenty-three sister Grand Jurisdictions.

Comp. WILLIAM A. DAVIES represents the Grand Chapter of Missouri near the Grand Chapter of California.

Comp. WILLIAM F. KAHN delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the Masons and citizens of Kansas City. The M. : E. : NOAH M. GIVAN responded on behalf of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest reported the names of the members of the Grand Chapter who had passed beyond the veil since the last Annual Convocation, closing with reference to sister jurisdictions who had been bereaved and extending to them sincere condolence and heartfelt sympathy.

The Grand High Priest had not been called upon to decide any controverted point of law or usage. He says that notwithstanding "hard times" and general stagnation of business Capitular Masonry in Missouri has moved steadily forward. Accessions have not been so numerous as they might otherwise have been, but a fair amount of work has been done, and, what is of more importance, of the very best material. The Royal Arch Masons of Missouri stand as a living bulwark against infidelity, immorality and intemperance as living witnesses to truth, honor and integrity.

The Committee on Grievance reported "no grievance" and consequently no business.

The Grand Chapter—

Resolved, That the Grand High Priest shall, as soon after his election as possible, proceed to divide the State into nine districts, as convenient as possible, and that the Chapters in each district shall be under the supervision of the following officers, to-wit: The Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Grand Master of the Third Vail, Grand Master of the Second Vail and Grand Master of the First Vail, and each officer above named shall visit each Chapter under his jurisdiction at least once each year and examine into the condition and workings of said Chapter, and shall make a report at such time as required by the Grand High Priest."

A good regulation, which must be productive of good results if faithfully carried out.

The Royal Arch Masons of Missouri are making earnest efforts to place their "Home" on a permanent basis and are meeting with good success.

The Grand Treasurer reports the receipts of the year at \$7,501.00, with former balance on hand of \$6,923.79.

Total receipts	\$14,424.79
Disbursements of year	5,491.35

Balance in Treasury	\$8,933.44
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A recapitulation of the work of the year is as follows :—

Exalted	387
Affiliated	85
Reinstated	32
Total increase	504
Dimitted	178
Suspended	121
Died	93
Total decrease	392
Number of chartered Chapters	95
Number of Chapters making returns	94
Rejected	15
Dues remitted	153

Total number of members reported	6,377
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Comp. MAYO publishes a biographical sketch of M. E. ALLAN McDOWELL, late Grand High Priest and since 1870 the Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter of Missouri. This is one of the excellent notions of Comp. MAYO and one that will be fully appreciated in the sweet by and by.

Rev. Comp. C. H. BRIGGS of Fayette was elected Grand High Priest ; R. E. WILLIAM H. MAYO was re-elected Grand Secretary.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Annual Convention of High Priests of Missouri was held in Kansas City April 25th, 1894,—M. E. THOMAS E. GARRATT, President, R. E. WILLIAM H. MAYO, Recorder. Convention opened in Due Form. Nineteen companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, having been elected, were admitted and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood ; two anointed companions from Ohio and Iowa were admitted to membership. The Convention proceeded to the consideration of such business as came before it.

E. Comp. JOSEPH S. BROWNE stated that there was a General Convention of Representatives from Councils of this Order from many of the States, to be held in Topeka, Kansas, during the Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States in July next, and on his motion the E. Vice-President, Comp. ALLAN McDOWELL, was unanimously elected a delegate to represent the Grand Convention in the said General Convention ; at the request of Comp. McDOWELL, any member of the Grand Convention who may attend the General Grand Chapter or this General Convention was added to the delegation from that State.

The M. E. President stated that in the early history of the Order Bibles were not given to the candidates, consequently he had never received one from the Convention, and that he would prize one, such as the Convention now presents to each candidate as a memento, very much. On motion the E. Vice-President and Grand Recorder were instructed to purchase a suitable Bible and have an appropriate inscription or certificate put in the same for the M. E. President.

A vote of thanks was unanimously adopted in favor of the companions of Kansas City for the use of their hall and the many courtesies extended while in their city.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by Comp. WILLIAM H. MAYO, and no higher praise can be awarded it than to say that it's one of MAYO's own. He reviews the proceedings of the Grand Chapters of forty-four States and Territories, with those of four foreign jurisdictions.

Under California Comp. MAYO quotes approvingly from the address of Grand High Priest DAVIS, indorses him, says good words of CASWELL, and quotes without dissent from the conclusions of this Correspondent.

Under Connecticut he indorses the following opinion of Comp. BARLOW, in which approval we wish to join hands. Self preservation is the first law of nature, and any Grand Body of Masons has the right to protect itself by punishment for acts of contempt :—

"We think that Grand Bodies have, in case of discipline, original jurisdiction and may inflict a penalty of suspension or expulsion, not only from the Grand Body, but from the rights and privileges of Masonry, especially if, as in the case alluded to (if we remember correctly), the offense was against the Grand Body. The Grand Lodge of Connecticut at its last Annual Communication passed the sentence of expulsion from all the rights and privileges of Masonry upon one who was not a member of the Grand Body, but whose offense was of such a nature as to call for such an action."

Under Illinois Comp. MAYO writes :—

"In Wisconsin the Grand High Priest recommended for the consideration of the Grand Chapter the adoption of some plan that would shorten or discontinue the reports of the Committee on Correspondence. In his argument he had said, among other things : 'There are those (I confess to sharing in the opinion) who believe this committee to be a useless and expensive appendage.' On this proposition Comp. PEARSON comments somewhat bluntly, as follows :

"Incited by these words of *wisdom*, we look over this volume carefully. We do not find that the aforesaid Grand High Priest has done anything to speak of. In fact, he acknowledges this himself, and the wonder is to us, why he didn't recommend his own abolishment. We find he has served by regular annual promotion in the offices of Grand Scribe, King and Deputy, and, for all this experience, he has only found this one improvement that can be made.

"This Grand Chapter did not agree with the Grand High Priest, and we take pleasure in quoting what they say, by committee, and regard it as very applicable to the excellent Reports of M. E. Comp. SWAIN, from whom we hope to hear many times in the future."

As was said of the Durham that locked horns with the locomotive, we admire the courage of that Grand High Priest, but—"can't appreciate" his judgment; and Comp. SWAIN at the helm; rash man! the funeral ceremonies were solemn, but enjoyable.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in St. Louis April 25th, 1895.

MONTANA.

The Grand Chapter of Montana held its fifth Annual Convocation at Billings, September 17, 1894. The M. E. P. H. POINDEXTER, Grand High Priest, the R. E. CORNELIUS HEDGES, Grand Secretary. The twelve Chapters of Montana were represented, with five representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Chapter was opened, and, after the appointment of the usual committees, the Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address:

After returning thanks to the Great Ruler for the blessings of the year, manifested in the preservation of their organization in health and strength, although

he says the year has been one of great depression in all business pursuits and that the different departments of Masonry have been sympathetically affected, but he adds with the confidence of the honest miner:—

“We have one crop that never fails and always commands an undiminished price—the gold from our placer and quartz mines. Neither have our grain fields or broad pastures been parched with drouth, or our forests consumed with fires, as in some of our sister States to the east.”

The Grand High Priest reported his official visitations, and in conclusion declares the Chapters well officered and that harmony and a fair degree of prosperity prevails in the jurisdiction.

The Finance Committee report balance cash on hand \$858.86.

The business of the session was of local importance only.

The M. E. I. W. BAKER was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. CORNELIUS HEDGES was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Comp. HEDGES represented the Grand Chapter of Montana at the late meeting of the General Grand Chapter at Topeka, in which respectable office Comp. H. says he had the satisfaction of casting the whole vote of Montana on every occasion, scored lots of experience, and made a host of friends.

The Report on Correspondence is by the genial Grand Secretary, Comp. CORNELIUS HEDGES, who gives a review of half a hundred Royal Arch Legislatures, with his comments upon the general conduct of each, and a general summary of the doings of the General Grand Chapter.

He makes favorable mention of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of California, and says Montana, in company with Ohio and California, unite in sorrow over the grave of Comp. HAZ. L. HOSMER, the first Chief Justice of Montana, and will long remember his valuable services to Masonry.

Under Florida, Comp. HEDGES argues in favor of the right of bodies under dispensation to assume the rights and privileges of duly constituted bodies immediately subsequent to the declaration of the Grand Body authorizing their creation and prior to the ceremony of constitution. He says: “We hold that the records of the authority granting the rights and powers, of which the written instrument is only the evidence, is still higher, and as long as it stands unrepealed the body to which life and power was given still retains them.”

It all depends, Comp. HEDGES, upon the law under which your Chapters are created. Our Code reads (Section 10 of Article XVII): “No Chapter, until chartered *and duly constituted*, shall be entitled to representation in this Grand Chapter; but a Chapter under dispensation may send delegates thereto, who may be admitted to seats and be permitted to speak, but shall have no vote.” You see, Comp. HEDGES, we are jealous of our suffrage, and permit none to enjoy the rights and privileges of a full-fledged citizen until fully qualified.

P. G. H. P. POINDEXTER's patriarchal features illuminate this volume of proceedings.

The next Annual Convocation will be held at Helena on the third Wednesday in September, 1895.

NEBRASKA.

The Grand Chapter of Nebraska held its twenty-eighth Annual Convocation December 12th, 1894, in the city of Omaha. M. E. ALBERT W. CRITES, Grand High Priest, R. E. WILLIAM R. BOWEN, Grand Secretary. Thirty five Chapters were represented, There were sixteen representatives of sister jurisdictions present, and nine Past Grand High Priests.

A fine portrait of Grand High Priest CRITES, on steel, is published in the present volume.

In accordance with the fashions of Nebraska, a Royal Arch Chapter was opened, when Comp. JAMES W. MAYNARD, High Priest of *Omaha* Chapter No. 1, welcomed the Grand Chapter to the scene of their labors, and extended a cordial greeting to all. The Grand High Priest responded on behalf of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. After returning thanks for their preservation, he reported the names of thirty-five of their companions "who had passed out of the shadows of this life into the perfect light of God." Of this number, seven were members of the Convention of High Priests, one a Past Grand High Priest, and one the Grand Lecturer, Comp. LEE P. GILLETTE. The Grand High Priest gave testimony to their faithful records and he paid eloquent and feeling tribute to their memories. He reported several decisions, but none of other than local interest.

Nebraska numbers fifty-three Chapters, with a membership of 2,991 Royal Arch Masons.

During the session announcement was made of the death of M.: E.: JOHN FRIZZELL, Past Grand High Priest of Tennessee and Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, and the Grand Chapter adopted the following report:—

"It is with profound sorrow that we have just learned of the death of M.: E.: JOHN FRIZZELL, Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. No companion in the United States has exerted a stronger influence among the Royal Craft than Companion JOHN FRIZZELL. He was learned, judicious, conservative and thoroughly reliable. His commanding influence with the Royal Craft was the natural result of the judicious use of his great learning, which was consecrated to the good of his fellow man. He was, in the highest and best sense of those terms, a wise man. To-day we join our companions in the United States in paying tribute to his memory. It is not Tennessee alone which mourns the loss of this eminent man and splendid Mason. The whole Masonic world is sorrow stricken because of his death. While we tender to our companions of Tennessee our heartfelt sympathy at their sad bereavement, we express our profound grief as well. A Prince of the House of Judah has laid down his sceptre. A good man has fallen at his post of duty. May the lessons drawn from his life never lose their impress upon our lives."

Past Grand High Priest Comp. BENJAMIN F. TUTTLE is the representative of Nebraska near the Grand Chapter of California, and Comp. WM. R. BOWEN represents California near the Grand Chapter of Nebraska.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The twenty-third Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held in the city of Omaha December 12th, during the session of the Grand Chapter,—the M.: E.: SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON, President, E.: WM. R. BOWEN, Recorder.

The Convention was opened in Ample Form.

The President reported having issued certificates of anointing to nine Companion High Priests since the last Convention.

Fourteen companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters and otherwise qualified, having been elected, were introduced, anointed, consecrated and set apart as High Priests after the Order of Melchisedec.

An election was held and the present Companions re-elected to their respective stations, and installed therein.

Convention closed.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by Comp. CHARLES J. PHELPS for the committee. It is an excellent review of forty-six Grand Royal Arch Bodies—all that were received in time for the printer. Comp. PHELPS writes fully of the condition and tendency of legislation in the several jurisdictions. We find him generally in sympathy with what we consider as the "correct doctrine," founded upon the original plan and groundwork of Masonry.

In reviewing Alabama he learns that the past has been the most prosperous of many years for Capitular Masonry. Comp. PILLANS don't like dependent membership, and predicts trouble in the future for us in California, if we persist in the regulation. We hope not, Comp. PILLANS. We believe in it, and have practiced it for many years, with the best results.

Under Arizona, he pauses at the last resting place of our friend and correspondent, HARRY BUDD LIGHTHIZER, and deposits his sprig of acacia in loving remembrance of that gifted companion.

In reviewing California, Comp. PHELPS mentions the absence of our Grand High Priest from illness, and the discharge of his duties by the Deputy Grand High Priest. At the time, Comp. PHELPS, our friend and companion was resting under the shadow of death, and in one short month thereafter its finger touched him and his life went out.

He comments favorably upon our general good conduct, and concurs in most of the opinions expressed, except, perhaps, our position on the Past Master's Degree.

We need hardly assure Comp. PHELPS that we are greatly pleased to find a neighbor so fully in accord with us on the questions of the day.

We are in entire accord in regard to the beautiful ceremonies of High Priesthood, and greatly regretted our inability to be present at Topeka last year to join in the attempt to improve the status of that impressive ceremonial.

We feel under much obligation to M. E. Comp. CHAMBERLIN, of Tiffin, Ohio, for his earnest efforts in behalf of that Convention.

Under Kentucky, this from Comp. STATON pleases us :

"We do not believe that the Grand Chapter is the place to fight "Cerneauism." Not that we do not believe it has a right to do so, but we have contended that the proper tribunal is the Grand Lodge, because that is the foundation of all rites and systems. But when the fight is forced upon us, even in the Grand Chapter, we are not the people to quietly submit and let these disorganizers have a clean sweep, to suit their own sweet will. We do not seek contentions. This was clearly manifested upon the part of the loyal Masons of Kentucky. But we are not a people to run away because the enemy become bold and aggressive. It is always best to know what one is talking about before being so free with criticism."

This reminds us very much of the situation in California in 1887. These Cerneauites were very busy establishing bodies in this jurisdiction and gathering in from our Lodges recruits at the expense of our Chapter organizations. We took hold of the matter, and the writer of this report was chairman of a committee which reported to the Grand Chapter: and—well, we have had no more Cerneauism to bother us since. The following is taken from that report:—

"And concerning the interest that we, as Royal Arch Masons, have in this matter, the Grand High Priest of New York, in an address to the Grand Chapter, says: 'I have to inform the Grand Chapter of the existence of clandestine Chapters in the city of New York, established by H. C. ATWOOD and under a Consistory warrant from the CERNEAU Consistory, by which he confers not only all the degrees of the Chapter, but also the Orders of Knighthood.'

"While writing this report we have read the action of the Grand Lodges of Louisiana, Minnesota, and the dignified rejoinder of Massachusetts to the criticisms upon her former actions regarding the subjects of this report; and Bro. FELLOWS, of Louisiana, well expresses our views when he writes: 'After reading

all that has thus far been published upon the action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, we are of the opinion such action was both timely and proper in order to maintain its prerogatives as the body paramount of Masonry in that jurisdiction.'

"Your committee think the action of the Grand Lodges sound and founded in the right to declare what are and what are not Masonic bodies. The operations of the Cerneauites in our State affect more directly the interests of the Grand Chapter than either of the other Masonic organizations, and we feel that this Grand Chapter should stand firm in its assertion of the right to declare what are and what are not Masonic bodies in this jurisdiction.

"We fully endorse the views expressed by our frater of Mississippi in his last report, 'that Freemasonry has one common' origin, and the legitimate family—however subdivided, wherever located, or how designated—is a unity in its Masonic or family sense; provided, that the landmarks, traditions, tenets, and symbolism of Freemasonry are preserved therein, and belief in God, love to the brotherhood, and charity to all mankind a prerequisite to any participation in their mysteries, and as such are entitled to their appropriate place and recognition as members of the Masonic family; provided again, however, that the ancient Constitution, laws, rules, regulations and usages of the Craft are in no wise disregarded by such bodies.

"And we understand the main supports of the original plan of Masonry to be unqualified respect for and obedience to duly constituted authority, and a loyal allegiance to the same, at the same time holding in contempt all dissenters and clandestine pretenders of whatever rite or degree. The pretense that the Master Mason or the Mason of the Royal Arch may not judge of the claims of this CERNEAU mystery, for the reason that they cannot judge of the legality of an organization of which they know nothing, has no weight with us."

M.: E.: FRANK E. BULLARD was elected Grand High Priest, and R.: E.: WM. R. BOWEN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Committee on Correspondence—WM. R. BOWEN, CHAS. J. PHELPS, and ALBERT W. CRITES.

The next Convocation will be held at Omaha December 11, 1895.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Grand Chapter of New Brunswick was organized in 1887 and held its first Annual Convocation April 25th, 1888. The officers were:—M.: E.: B. LESTER PETERS, First Grand Principal, the R.: E.: T. NISBET ROBERTSON being Grand Scribe E.

At the fourth Annual Convocation in 1891, in accordance with authority given by the Grand Chapter in 1888, revised and amended the Constitution, doing away with the ancient titles of the first three officers of the Bodies and substituting those of "High Priest," "King" and "Scribe," to conform to the regulations of American Chapters.

Of the revised organization in April, 1892, M.: E.: B. LESTER PETERS was elected Grand High Priest, and R.: E.: T. NISBET ROBERTSON was elected Grand Secretary. Seven Chapters were represented, with a total membership of 394.

In April, 1893, a Special Convocation was held for the exemplification before the Grand Chapter of the work of the several degrees, according to the adopted Ritual.

On the 23d of April, 1893, this Grand Chapter held its sixth Annual Convocation in the city of Moncton,—the M.: E.: T. NISBET ROBERTSON, Grand High Priest, the R.: E.: WILLIAM A. EWING being Grand Secretary. Seven chartered Chapters were represented.

The seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick was held in the City of St. John August 29th, 1894,—the M. E. EDWARD TWEEDIE, Deputy Grand High Priest, the R. E. WILLIAM A. EWING being Grand Secretary. Seven chartered Chapters were represented.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Due Form. The R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest addressed the Grand Chapter as follows:—

"Companions: As we meet in Annual Convocation to-day I doubt not that one thought is uppermost in our minds.

"Since we last met we have been called upon to mourn the loss of one who presided over our deliberations only a year ago, but who has been called within the veil, where he is at rest from his labors.

"I refer to M. E. Comp. THOMAS NISBET ROBERTSON, who had been twice elected Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, and who, we hoped, would have been presiding here to-day. We shall miss his presence and counsels, but we submit humbly to the decree of the Great Architect of the Universe.

"Immediately after the death of M. E. Comp. ROBERTSON, I caused to be sent to the Officers of the Grand Chapter and to the subordinate Chapters, and also to sister jurisdictions, the following memorial:—

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST,
MONCTON, N. B., 1st May, 1894. }

To all Royal Arch Masons wheresoever dispersed, but more especially to the Officers and Members of Chapters subordinate to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick:—

Companions: It is with feelings of deepest sorrow that I communicate to you the sad intelligence of the death of

M. E. COMPANION THOMAS NISBET ROBERTSON,
Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter,

which occurred at his home in St. John on the twenty-fifth day of April, 1894, after an illness of only three months. His funeral took place on the twenty-seventh day of April, under the banner of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

"By his death the Royal Craft and Fraternity in general have lost a brother and companion who for years has been an ardent and zealous worker for the good of Freemasonry. In every office which he filled our departed companion was conspicuous among the Craftsmen for his regular and upright conduct, as well as for the great skill and ability which he brought to bear in the discharge of his Masonic duties. As a man and a citizen he was justly held in high esteem, both by his friends and the citizens in general.

"In memory of our departed companion it is ordered that this communication be read in Open Convocation and entered in full upon the minutes of the several Subordinate Chapters of this Grand Chapter, and that the Jewels and Altars of such Chapters be draped in mourning until the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter."

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick, this first day of May, A. D. 1894, A. I. 2424.

[SEAL.]

EDWARD TWEEDIE,
Deputy Grand High Priest.

WILLIAM A. EWING,
Grand Secretary.

"THOMAS NISBET ROBERTSON was born in St. John on the 20th day of November, 1841, and at the age of thirteen years he moved with his parents to Moncton. After remaining there a few years he returned to St. John, where he continued to reside until his death.

"Our companion was initiated into Masonry on the 2d day of January, 1863, in *Albion* Lodge, then No. 570 on the registry of the Grand Lodge of England, and was Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1871, and continued a member during life. At the time of his death he was a member and Past First Principal of *Carlton* Chapter.

"He was a member and Past Commander of the Encampment of St. John, Knights Templar, No. 48 on the registry of the Chapter General of Scotland, and also an honorary member of *St. Omer* Commandery, of South Boston, Massachusetts.

"In the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite he had attained the Thirty-second Degree, and at the time of his death was Commander-in-Chief of the New Brunswick Consistory.

"He was also at the time of his death Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland for New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

"Comp. ROBERTSON was Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter from the time of its formation, in 1887, down to the year 1892, when he was elected Grand High Priest. By his death also the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick loses its Grand Secretary.

"At the time he was stricken with the fatal disease which ended his earthly career M. : E. : Comp. ROBERTSON was contemplating an early official visit to the several subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, but he was not permitted to accomplish his desire.

"While we mourn for him, let us strive to follow the example of our departed companion, and by the faithful discharge of our duties here become prepared for the summons which must sooner or later come to us all.

"In conclusion, I am glad to report that peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction, and I feel assured that all matters which may come before you at this time will receive your earnest and careful consideration, and that in all your deliberations you will have the best interests of the Royal Craft in view."

The Grand Secretary called the Roll of Grand Representatives. The following Grand Chapters were represented: California, Delaware, Illinois, Indian Territory, Iowa, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, Nova Scotia, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown.

The Grand Chapter approved the acts of the Deputy Grand High Priest in the discharge of his duties as head of the Grand Chapter since the death of Comp. ROBERTSON. The Grand Chapter of New South Wales was recognized as a regular Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

The M. : E. : JOHN V. ELLIS was elected Grand High Priest; the R. : E. : WILLIAM A. EWING was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the City of St. John August 28th, 1895.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

New Brunswick Council of High Priests assembled in Convention June 11th, 1892, in the City of St. John for reorganization,—M. : E. : ROBERT MARSHALL acting as President, and E. : JAMES CANBY HATHEWAY as Recorder. Thirteen companions having been elected and being present, were duly anointed, consecrated and set apart as High Priests.

The M. : E. : President submitted a draft of the Constitution, which was read and adopted.

The M. : E. : ROBERT MARSHALL was elected President and E. : WILLIAM ALEXANDER EWING was elected Recorder. A Ritual Committee of five was appointed and the Convention closed.

The Convention met again in April, 1893,—the M. : E. : ROBERT MARSHALL, President, presiding, E. : WILLIAM ALEXANDER EWING being Recorder. The Grand Council was opened in Due Form. Five companions-elect High Priests of their respective Chapters being present, were admitted and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood. All business having been disposed of the Convention closed.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of the Province of New Brunswick held its Annual Convocation in the city of St. John on the 29th of August, 1894,—the M. : E. : ROBERT MARSHALL, President, E. : WILLIAM ALEXANDER EWING, Recorder. The Grand Council was opened in Due Form.

The M. E. President reported the several meetings held during the year for the conferring of the Order upon companions residing at a distance.

Two companions-elect being present, were admitted, anointed and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood. After the transaction of the usual business the Convention closed.

NEW JERSEY.

The Grand Chapter of New Jersey held its thirty-eighth Annual Convocation in the city of Trenton May 9, 1894,—the M. E. ANDREW J. BALE, Grand High Priest, the E. GEO. B. EDWARDS, Grand Secretary. Thirty chartered Chapters were represented. There were present thirteen Past Grand High Priests, and the representatives of twenty-six sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer.

The Grand High Priest delivered his address. He makes this affectionate allusion to the "vacant seats" in their Arch:—

"The never-wearying reaper, gleaning as he passes by, has stopped on his journey and gathered in his harvesting some of our choicest sheaves. Their seats are vacant and their lights extinguished, and to us is left but a sorrowing memory of the warmth of the hand-clasp and kindly glance of the eye as we met in the past.

"Reverend and Excellent Comp. HENRY VEHSLAGH, Past High Priest of *Harmony* Chapter, No. 9, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence and Grand Chaplain of this Grand Chapter, after a lingering illness, died March 4, 1894. His decease is a serious loss to religious as well as Masonic circles, in both of which he was well and prominently known."

By the efforts of the Grand High Priest in connection with the Deputy Grand High Priest, King and Scribe all of the Chapters received official visitation.

The Grand Chapter of New Brunswick was recognized as a just and legally constituted Grand Chapter, and the exchange of representatives proposed.

The following subject matter was referred to the Committee on Constitution:—

"Referring to a resolution offered at the last Annual Convocation, relative to the authority of the Grand Chapter over the Order of High Priesthood, the undersigned committee, appointed by the Convention of Anointed High Priests, held in the city of Trenton on Tuesday, May 8, 1894, beg leave to state that it was the unanimously expressed desire of the companions there assembled that this Grand Chapter be invited to take charge and exercise authority over that Order.

"The committee further state for the information of the companions, that such methods prevail and such authority is assumed and exercised in other jurisdictions.

HENRY S. HAINES,

CHARLES BELCHER,

Committee."

The committee reported as follows:—

"To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey:—

"The Committee on Constitutions, to which at the last Annual Convocation the subject of the authority of this Grand Chapter over the Order of High Priesthood was referred, respectfully reports that it has been unable to find that any Masonic authority inherently or necessarily exists as respects this Grand Chapter over the Order referred to.

"The unanimous invitation of the Convention of Anointed High Priests of New Jersey, this day communicated to this Grand Chapter by a committee of said Convention, and thereupon referred to the Committee on Constitution, presents the question as to the relation which this Grand Chapter, upon such invitation, will assume concerning said Order for the future. Your committee believes that if control over the Order in question shall be accepted by this Grand Chapter, the stability and dignity of the Order will be increased and Royal Arch Masonry will be benefited, and therefore recommends that the invitation of said Convention be accepted, and that henceforth the said Order of High Priesthood shall be under the

The Committee on Jurisprudence made a long report upon the case of a companion charged with "impeding the work of a Chapter by an improper and scandalous use of the blackball, to-wit: by blackballing candidates for other than legitimate and Masonic purposes." The Chapter, upon trial, found the accused guilty and voted his expulsion. The committee reversed the judgment, and, in their opinion, censured the High Priest. We think the decision a labored one, based entirely upon technicalities and that the High Priest was unjustly censured; but then we are not a lawyer and make no pretensions to expert knowledge in the drawing of a technical indictment.

Comp. WAIT, as Chairman of the Committee on Necrology, delivered an eloquent memorial testimonial in memory of Past Grand High Priest JOHN JAMES BELL, who had been for many years a leading spirit in the Masonic Family of New Hampshire.

The following is a summary of the work of the year:—

Number of Chapters on roll.....	22
Number of Chapters under dispensation.....	1
Number of Chapters making returns.....	23
Number of Chapters represented.....	15
Number admitted to membership.....	143
Number restored to membership.....	2
Number dimitted.....	25
Number died.....	36
Number suspended from membership for N. P. D.....	13
Number expelled for unmasonic conduct.....	2
Number of members, 1893.....	3,047
Number of members, 1894.....	3,114
Increase in membership.....	67
Number exalted.....	147

The Report on Correspondence is presented by Comp. ALBERT S. WAIT, one of the ablest writers upon Masonic history and the jurisprudence of Masonry. He reviews the legislation of forty-five American Grand Chapters, with those of Canada, England and Wales, New Brunswick, New South Wales, Nova Scotia and Quebec.

In his notice of California Comp. WAIT quotes from the Address of Grand High Priest WILLIAM B. DAVIS and notices the death of lamented Past Grand High Priest ISAAC S. TITUS. He makes courteous mention of the work of this correspondent, although differing with some of his conclusions. He takes exception to one of our expressions in indorsing the views of Comp. BATES of Pennsylvania as to the origin of Freemasonry. Perhaps the statement was a little strong, Comp. WAIT; upon rereading, guess it was. We accept your protest in the same spirit in which it was given. "Will go to the quarries and work, diligently, and strive to be an honest man hereafter."

Under Kentucky Comp. WAIT, in reply to Comp. STATON upon the status of an expelled Mason, writes the following able argument:—

"Our companion thus holds that expulsion does not sever the Masonic relation, and that an expelled person is still a Mason; that he is only expelled from the rights and privileges of Masonry, his Masonic status still remaining. What, then, would our companion hold to be the difference between expulsion and indefinite suspension? We had supposed that in the latter the party is deprived of all the rights and privileges of Masonry, his Masonic status remaining, while in the former the very Masonic status is totally gone. There is no other ground on which the two can be distinguished, and the very fact of the two having immemorably been recognized as belonging to the body of Masonry convinces us that such a distinction has always been intended—the one to be Masonic death,

while the other is a deprivation of Masonic rights and privileges only. As to the argument that an expelled Mason is not absolved from his Masonic obligation: A Mason expelled may remain bound in conscience to the obligation he has taken, but it remains no longer an obligation to *Masonry*. From all obligation to the Masonic institution he is absolved by his expulsion. He remains no longer subject to the institution, and yet it has no longer power in any manner to reach him. He may be restored, indeed, but the act is what the word imports, namely — restoration from a lost status, and not, as in case of suspension, a removal of disabilities. We cannot bring our mind into conformity with another point in the reasoning of our companion, which is: 'If the Chapter accepts the action of the Lodge in expelling, certainly there is no inconsistency in accepting the action of restoration.' The trouble, to our mind, is in the premise thus assumed. The Chapter does not accept the action of the Lodge in expelling. The Chapter is a branch of Masonry dependent upon the symbolic branch. No man can be a Royal Arch Mason who is not a Mason of the Blue Lodge. When expelled by the latter the party loses his status as a Royal Arch Mason, not because the Chapter accepts the action of the Lodge, but because he remains no longer a Mason. We think it plain that this is alone the reason why by expulsion by the Lodge the party loses his status as a Royal Arch Mason without action of the Chapter.

"This, we are happy to find, is the only question eliciting discussion upon which we are not in full agreement with our companion of Kentucky, and upon this one we may well agree to disagree."

Under Massachusetts Comp. WAIT writes:—

"The Report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by the Grand Secretary, Comp. SERANUS BOWEN, who reviews the proceedings of forty-seven sister Grand Chapters with very marked and decided ability, discussing many of the questions of contemporaneous interest to the Craft. Under Arizona we have the following in reply to Comp. LIGHTHIZER, upon the subject of the Ritual, which we commend to the companions for the good sense with which it abounds:—

"He thinks the Ritual of the General Grand Chapter should be made obligatory on the several Grand Chapters. It would never have been adopted at all but for the express understanding that it was not to be obligatory. The question of absolute uniformity in all the minutiae of the Ritual throughout the United States is one on which a vast amount of nonsense has been written. There is not a Grand Chapter in the country to-day, whether it uses the General Grand Chapter Ritual or not, where there are not as many variations from a literal word of correctness of rendition as there are Chapters in the jurisdiction. We served many years as Grand Lecturer in this State and have put much hard and earnest labor into producing uniformity of work among our Chapters. But as long as men are constituted as they are they will vary in their rendition of any Ritual whatever. And until one jurisdiction can come forward and say with truth that its subordinates work alike with absolute exactness, it is not wise to keep this bone of contention to the front so constantly. So long as we have practical uniformity in essentials, let the Grand Chapters administer their own internal affairs in the way that is best suited to their locality.

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"No, companions, the most unwise thing that could be done would be to send out a printed Ritual and attempt to compel the State Grand Chapters to enforce its use."

Comp. BOWEN, we indorse your views and say with you: So long as we have practical uniformity in essentials let the Grand Chapters administer their own internal affairs in the way that is best suited to their locality. In essentials, "unity;" in non-essentials, "charity."

Comp. WAIT quotes from Comp. CONNOR of Tennessee a very able argument upon "Physical Qualification and its Relation to Capitular Masonry," giving the views of Comp. CONNOR his unqualified indorsement. The importance of the paper and its interest to inquiring Royal Arch Masons, induce us to transfer it to our pages:—

"In quite a number of Grand Chapters the question of physical perfection has been under discussion, and in the majority of instances has been decided on the narrow-gauge common to the Craft Lodges. To our mind such decisions are so incongruous that the duty of arguing the subject is apparent.

"Whatever may be the propriety of Craft Lodges demanding a certain physical perfection, it does not appear that the question should arise at all in Capitular Masonry, and for these reasons:

"1. There are no obligations of antiquity, nor of supposed landmarks, demanding such perfection.

"2. Capitular Masonry is altogether speculative, without a tinge of the operative, being of modern invention in all respects.

"There can be but one controlling reason in the minds of the thoughtful advocates of this dogma, and that is the demands of the 'Means of Recognition.' The regulations that govern Capitular Masonry are the result of legislation since the invention of the system, which occurred long after the revival of Speculative Craft Masonry in 1717. Hence only so far as we see fit to engraft the ancient rules are we bound by the charges and regulations of the Ancient Craft. And surely in so far as they shackle Capitular Masonry they should not be engrafted.

"It would seem that when a man has met the requisitions of the Lodge he is, physically at least, qualified for the mysteries of the Chapter. And as a maimed Master Mason can make himself known quite as satisfactorily as a perfect one can the need of the ironclad rule in the Chapter is not apparent. The imparting of the Ritual can be done as well by a thumbless man as by one with two perfect ones, ditto of every member of the body. And it can be received as easily as imparted.

"But why halt at the receiving and imparting of the Ritual in Capitular Masonry? The High Priest imparts the Ritual, and the neophyte may never be required to impart it, and there is no difficulty in his receiving it. Of course the esoterics forbid an illustration of this, but it is plain without.

"We cheerfully concede much to that peculiar fondness for antiquity which leads the brethren to cling to the requirements of the ancient operative Masons, but we cannot concede so much when the same brethren, without show of reason, attempt to engraft the same regulations upon the modern rite called Capitular Masonry. We cannot, because [there is absolutely no meaning in their doing so; and because it simply hinders the good work of the rite and misconceives its mission.

"We boldly assert the opinion that all Master Masons morally qualified are physically competent to receive the four degrees of the Chapter. And why not? Is there a regulation to the contrary? We moderns invented the rite and made the regulation; let us repeal it. Capitular Masonry has no landmarks, hence our regulations are merely inexpediency.

"It seems to us that if companions will calmly reason on this question of physical perfection in Capitular Masonry they will reach the conclusions enunciated above. We shall expect the usual sneers from the thoughtless, but we confidently expect approval from all who think, in this modern rite. But even if we do not, solitary and alone, if such be the fact, we put the ball in motion. It will accumulate as it rolls, and in less than ten years it will have visited all the Grand Chapters in the Union."

Comp. WAIT adds this well deserved tribute to this distinguished gentleman, Mason and scholar:—

"But Comp. CONNOR has written his last report. 'He sleeps the sleep that knows no waking.' A circular issued by the Grand Master of Tennessee informs us that he passed from earth on the 9th of March. He was without question one of the most learned Masons of his time, and he leaves a reputation second to that enjoyed by no Mason of our day for brilliancy of Masonic erudition or profoundness of thought. He was buried with the honors of Masonry in the cemetery near his home in Chattanooga on the 11th of March in the presence of a vast concourse of Masons and citizens, gathered to pay the last respects to his virtues and his worth."

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Annual Convention of the High Priests of New Hampshire was held in the city of Concord May 15th, 1894,—M. E. JOHN F. WEBSTER, President, E.:

GEORGE P. CLEAVES, Recorder. The Council opened in Due Form. Eleven companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, having been elected, were admitted and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood. The names of the six M. E. companions stricken from the roll by death during the year were ordered entered upon the record. The business being concluded, Council adjourned.

The M. E. WILLIAM HENRY WEED HINDS was elected Grand High Priest; the R. E. GEORGE PERLEY CLEAVES was re-elected Grand Secretary. Albert S. WAIT, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

The next Annual Convocation will be held May 14th, 1895.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

The Grand Chapter of New South Wales has made its fifth Annual Report at the close of the fifth year of its establishment. The M. E. THOMAS READ, First Grand Principal, M. E. JOHN McLAHLAN being President of the Committee of General Purposes. This committee meets regularly on the third Wednesday of January, April, July and October of each year.

Our M. E. Comp. FRANKLIN H. DAY is the Representative of the Grand Chapter of New South Wales near the Grand Chapter of California.

REPORT.

No. 4 Rooms, New Masonic Hall,
SYDNEY, Aug. 20, 1894.

"At the close of the fifth year of the establishment of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales, we are bound conscientiously to congratulate ourselves upon our present position. We have not only stood firm and unshaken, and survived the financial earthquake which has disturbed the world during the last four years, but we have made firm and solid progress and laid a foundation of which to boast in years to come. We have not escaped unscathed, but the process has been useful, and we enjoy that exhilarating feeling—light and pleasant in the existing present, and hopeful in the anticipated future—shared in by the young, growing, healthy and vigorous, when recovering from unexpected or severe attacks of sickness. We also are young, growing, convalescent, happy and buoyant.

"Our daughter Chapters have all suffered somewhat severely in numbers as well as financially."

After submitting the condition of the several constituent Chapters, he says:—

"We thought it honest, outspoken and candid to make this truthful—though unpleasant—account of our position and actual present numbers in this our Fifth Annual Report. It shows what we were and what we are. What we will be the future will develop. After all these difficulties, happily now almost entirely surmounted, our daughter Chapters, by our latest received accounts, are now again marching onward, success in hand, prosperity in view; and although since our last report some Chapters have not exalted a single candidate, and more than one have changed their First Scribe E. thrice in the preceding twelve months, all the returns are now in, and payments for quarterage, registration, certificates, and fees have been made by all except two, almost up to date.

"This Grand Chapter, as you are aware, originated in the formation of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and was established on 25th June, 1889, and most solemnly consecrated, and its officers elected and installed on the 30th September, 1889, and since its formation its progress has been satisfactory. We then started with eight Chapters—we now have thirteen. We have been cordially recognized as a legally constituted Supreme Grand Chapter by the Grand Chapter of England and by numerous other Grand Chapters, as you are aware.

"Like others, we have suffered from the long-continued general depression, and, as a result, some Chapters are in arrears, but we are very hopeful of brighter prospects in the near future. Several of our Chapters appear to have passed the turning-point and are slowly but surely increasing their numbers. Our country Chapters show, so far, the best average results.

"Over 700 Companions have been registered by this Grand Chapter; some of these have been removed by death—notably our esteemed Past Grand First Principals WILLIAM HENRY TULLOH and ERNEST OCTAVIUS SMITH,—some have left the Colony, and others have ceased to subscribe to our Chapters.

"Seeing that the Royal Arch Degree is part and parcel of pure Ancient Freemasonry, and merely the completion of the Master Mason's Degree, the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England has resolved that every Master Mason under her Constitution may take the Royal Arch within four weeks of his having been raised to a Master Mason; and amended her Laws by revoking the Royal Arch Constitutional Regulation which heretofore required twelve months' probation as a Master Mason before exaltation to the Holy Royal Arch.

"The New South Wales Royal Arch Regulations require only six months; but the question may arise whether we also should shorten the period to four weeks, as they have done in England.

"If approved of here, an alteration of our Royal Arch Regulations will be necessary.

"A revision of the Ritual, with a view of making the ceremony if possible more attractive without encroaching on the ancient landmarks, by dividing the work more and giving lectures, has been under consideration; and also the establishment of a Chapter of Instruction, but present action is deferred.

"These matters will doubtless be taken up by the newly-elected Committee of General Purposes.

JOHN McLACHLAN,
President Grand Committee of General Purposes,
Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons
of New South Wales."

Officers for the year 1894-5: First Grand Principal, THOMAS READ; President Committee of General Purposes, JOHN McLACHLAN; Grand Registrar, DONNELLY FISHER, M. A.

NEW YORK.

The Grand Chapter of New York held its ninety-seventh Annual Convocation in the city of Albany February 6, 1894,—the M. E. J. LEAVITT LAMBERT, Grand High Priest, R. E. CHRISTOPHER G. FOX, Grand Secretary. One hundred and eighty-four chartered Chapters were represented, and the representatives of forty-eight sister Grand Chapters were present.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

In his Address the Grand High Priest reported the death roll of the year, with the names of 249 of their own kindred and brethren, many of them eminent in the councils of the Grand Chapter and of their respective Chapters, to all of whom he paid the tribute of sincere fraternal regard.

He also reported the loss by sister jurisdictions of illustrious companions, of whose death he had been officially notified, and tendered the sympathy of the Grand Chapter of New York in their bereavement.

The Grand High Priest reported the condition of the jurisdiction as entirely satisfactory, referring to the obligation resting upon them for a strict observance of their laws. He says:—

"During the year several requests have been received for authority to set aside Section 53 of the Constitution, and to be relieved from its requirements concerning the receiving of and ballot upon petitions. These requests have been invariably refused, as I believe such power does not and should not exist.

"The provisions of our Constitution and Regulations concerning the receiving of applications for admission to our Chapters and the ritualistic ceremonies are positive, unequivocal and equally binding upon all, and must be observed until regularly amended or repealed."

No important decisions were rendered, although we consider the opinion authorizing the holding of a ballot upon more than one petition at the same time, to be a fruitful source of trouble hereafter.

The Deputy Grand High Priest reported his official acts, among others being the assembling of a Convention of High Priests under the New York plan, and the Order was conferred upon twenty-two companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, with the usual ceremonies.

From the Report of the Grand Secretary we take the following statistics:—

“From the returns, the following compilation of particulars is prepared and presented for the information of the Grand Chapter:—

Number exalted during the year	1,392
Number affiliated	124
Number restored to membership	138

Total increase	1,654
Number dimitted	233
Number suspended	490
Number expelled	2
Number died	280

Total decrease	1,005
Net increase	649

“As compared with a like report made last year, the foregoing statement shows an increase of two in the number of suspensions, and a decrease of 174 exaltations, fifteen affiliations, fifty-eight restorations, thirty-six dismissals, eight expulsions and fifty deaths; the net increase being 155 less than for the year 1892.

“Adding the net gain of 649 for the past year to the registered membership heretofore reported, and also ten gained by the adjustment of Chapter Registries during the year, gives 18,344 as the number of affiliated Royal Arch Masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter on December 27, 1893, a gain of 659, as compared with a like report submitted at the last Annual Convocation.”

In the Report of Comp. Gzo. McGown (Grand Lecturer), we find food for much thought, and we quote liberally “for the good it may do” among the legitimate descendants of those noble Giblemites who wrought long at the building of the First Temple, etc., etc.:—

“While the governing bodies of Royal Arch Masonry have legislated upon titles, clothing and insignia, I have been unable to find any action relative to suitable paraphernalia for use in the conferring of the degrees, and as a consequence there is more or less diversity where there should be substantial uniformity. We read in holy writ of ‘the Tabernacle, which is called the holiest of all; which had the golden censer, and the Ark of the Covenant, overlaid roundabout with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and the tables of the Covenant, and over it the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat.’ Also, of the ‘Rod of Aaron for the house of Levi which budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds.’

“I have seen the golden manna pot represented by articles of white metal, porcelain and terra cotta ware, and of a variety of form in no way suggestive of the conventional manna pot which has been handed down to us, a crude representation of which appears on the Jewish shekel. Such incongruous articles as an egg cup, a mustard pot, a shaving-cream box, etc., have been found in use. The budded rod is usually represented by a few artificial flowers attached to a small stick of wood, and suggestive of a millinery shop. For the Book of the Law we find a copy of the Bible, usually a very small edition, old, and difficult to read; a roll of manuscript, with the lessons written on separate pages; an old monitor; an imitation of the tables of stone, with the lessons thereon, or a scroll of parchment, containing the lessons and commandment. The last named, which seems the most appropriate, is coming into general use.

“The inscriptions on the top and sides of some of the Arks, suggest the thought that they were placed thereon at the caprice of the artist, and, as an object lesson for the purpose of illustrating the Ritual, are valueless.

“The Ritual and traditions of the Capitular degrees seem to call for the use of two Arks. One for use in the M. E. M. degree, representing the original Ark of the Covenant, which was destroyed when the temple was burned. This should have Cherubim thereon, but no inscription. For the R. A. degree, tradition calls for a different Ark, without Cherubim, and bearing proper inscriptions on sides and top.

“The three squares are frequently represented by rusty constructions of tin or

man of the committee, and, like all his papers, is of merit and creditable to the great big jurisdiction which he represents.

Under Arizona, Comp. GARDNER does honor to the memory of one of California's faithful Masons, Doctor ISAAC S. TITUS. For nearly forty years we were associated in Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery, and we feel and appreciate the notice as a compliment to his associates as well, in the organization of the American system upon the Pacific Coast. Comp. GARDNER, in his notice of California, quotes from our Grand High Priest, WM. B. DAVIS, and writes approvingly of our general legislation; gives us a light dig on our big temple speculation, and wants to know about the Chapters who ask for the approval of laws reducing the fees for degrees, and he asks: are they short, or are they troubled with overflowing treasuries?

We "own up," Comp. GARDNER; we think our Grand Chapter made a mistake in reducing the minimum for which a Chapter may confer the degrees to \$30. Of course, every consumptive and inefficient Chapter in the jurisdiction will prolong their sufferings for a time, by a reduction of fees and furnishing the genuine brand for \$30. Your Comp. McGOWN has described in his report to your Grand Chapter the working tools and general outfit of a cheap Chapter. We may be wrong, but think the change a mistake, and one that will correct itself in the near future.

For the kind words written of this correspondent we return thanks.

Under Maine, Comp. GARDNER quotes from Comp. DRUMMOND these historical truths and reminders:—

"In olden times, officers resigned at pleasure, and as a matter of course, and we have spent much time in an effort to discover the origin of the rule, 'An installed officer cannot resign.' So far as we have been able to discover, MACKAY first formulated that part of the official obligation now in partial use, 'I will serve during the term for which I have been elected;' and the rule in question was based upon that portion of MACKAY's form of obligation, and has no other foundation in Masonic law or usage; if any companion knows of any other origin of the change or usage, we shall be very glad to have him give it.

"How changes in Masonic law will insensibly creep in by somebody's blunder is illustrated by the provision in the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, which prohibits the opening of a Chapter unless the High Priest, King or Scribe is present; this provision is in conflict with that of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, which provides that in their absence from a regularly called meeting, the Junior High Priest may open the Chapter and preside. In the early days of the Grand Lodge of New York, the DERMOTT rule prevailed, that in the absence of the Master and Wardens, the junior Past Master could open the Lodge; we cannot find that this rule was ever expressly repealed by the Grand Lodge; but a decision, made evidently without an examination of the old law, was announced, and confirmed by the Grand Lodge. The Grand Chapter has adopted the same law, and apparently upon a decision made as late as 1890."

There is so much truth and "deserved tribute" in the following testimony, that we second the motion—and the ayes have it unanimously:—

"The report is full of well expressed and authentic opinions of matters touching the Royal Craft. We say authentic, because we acknowledge them as such, coming from such high authority. The NESTON of the 'Guild'—a ripe Masonic scholar—a student who has devoted all his mature years of a long life to working in the quarries of Masonry, and has evolved therefrom many a finished ashlar, we say such a man is worthy *par excellence* to take rank, if not to stand at the head of the ablest Masonic jurists of the land.

"We speak not thus as fulsome praise, but as one like him who sat at the feet of Gamaliel, 'have been taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers.' We are astonished at the vast amount of legal acumen, touching Masonry in all its aspects, displayed in the various reports rendered for years by him. We read them with great interest, and trust we profit by so doing."

Yes, Comp. GARDNER, there is but one DRUMMOND, and his front name is JOSIAH.

Past Grand High Priest HENRY S. ORME is the representative of the Grand Chapter of New York near the Grand Chapter of California.

The M. E. FREDERICK E. BAINES was elected Grand High Priest; the R. E. CHRISTOPHER G. FOX was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Grand Chapter of North Carolina held its forty-sixth Annual Convocation in the city of Charlotte May 10, 1894,—M. E. FRANCIS M. MOYE, Grand High Priest, R. E. HORACE H. MUNSON, Grand Secretary. Sixteen chartered Chapters were represented. There were representatives of twelve sister Grand Jurisdictions and three Past Grand High Priests present.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Solemn Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest in his Address names many illustrious companions who have gone from among us during the year, in addition to those of our own kindred and brethren who have passed from their labors on earth to eternal rest.

No business of special importance was transacted or decisions rendered during the year.

The Grand High Priest reported his official acts. After expressing his admiration for the Council Degrees he proposed for the consideration of the Grand Chapter, the absorption of those degrees by the Grand Chapter; in fact, he urges the adoption of what was known some years since as the Mississippi plan, and which, after trial by several jurisdictions, was abandoned. The organization of the Councils of the Cryptic Rite since that time have been perfected, and they now have a national status under the authority of a General Grand Council, a permanent and prosperous organization having undisputed authority over the degrees of Royal and Select Master. The time has passed for the assumption of those degrees by the Grand Chapters. The suggestion of the Grand High Priest was referred to a special committee, who reported the proposed transfer as impracticable, and recommended that no action be taken in the matter, which recommendation was concurred in by the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter of New South Wales was recognized as a just and legally constituted Grand Chapter, and the exchange of Representatives authorized.

Comp. Past Grand High Priest HENRY HAY KNAPP represents the Grand Chapter of North Carolina near the Grand Chapter of California.

The Report on Correspondence is written and presented by Past Grand High Priest JAMES SOUTHGATE, a veteran in the Masonic service of North Carolina, who gives us a review of the doings of fifty Grand Bodies in the interest of Royal Arch Masonry.

In reviewing California, Comp. SOUTHGATE quotes with approval the address of Grand High Priest W. B. DAVIS, notices the death of our P. G. H. P. TITUS, and comments upon our prosperous condition, although he does not approve our system of suspension for non-payment of dues.

Comp. SOUTHGATE writes pleasant words of our report, although he won't endorse all of our California methods.

Very well! We can't always in all matters think exactly alike. We of California have legislated as we believe with the sole purpose of maintaining the integrity and reputation of the Fraternity on the Pacific Coast. We assure Comp. SOUTHGATE that as one of the "Old Guard" his opinions are respected in California, and in no other jurisdiction of our nation are the veteran leaders of our Fraternity held in higher estimation.

Under Colorado, in replying to Comp. FOSTER on the subject of "granting dispensations to confer degrees out of the usual time," Comp. SOUTHGATE comments and says:—

"We assent, as a general rule—but we do not consider it a matter of such vital importance after all, and it is merely to conform to law that we consider it necessary. In cases where the Master Mason is a member of the Blue Lodge in good standing, why force another committee of brethren to sit on his case, when all know he is a good man and true. The law, however, should be observed and insisted upon, lest some unworthy material should be presented, and to receive any work not inspected is likely to endanger the structure we are trying to erect. He is opposed to life members and so are we, unless their dues can be made available to the Chapter. He encloses in mourning bands the announcement of the death of Comp. D. W. BAIN."

Under Maine, Comp. DRUMMOND had written the following of Comp. SOUTHGATE:—

"He suggests a new plan for life membership and honorary membership combined, without any sacrifice of dues. His idea is that an amount of money be invested that will produce an income equal to the annual dues, and give the benefit of it to the companion whom the Chapter desires to honor. The amount may be raised by subscription, or a brother may endow his own life membership. If it is only to endow his own life membership, the amount is too large; it should be the amount which will purchase an annuity equal to the amount of annual dues for a time equal to his expectancy of life; but his idea of creating, by subscription or otherwise, permanent honorary memberships is a grand one, and we hope to see it generally adopted."

And Comp. SOUTHGATE responds:—

"Yes; but companion, would it not be better after once raising one or two membership bonds, as it were, on the death of a companion transfer this interest-bearing bond to another member, and thus keep up a continuous annuity? Let it be understood that these bonds must be owned by the Lodge, and thus would be transferable."

Comp. SOUTHGATE is an enthusiast in the matter of a uniform Ritual, and under Massachusetts says so. Hear him:—

"The Report on Correspondence (142 pp.) was presented by Comp. SERANUS BOWEN, and is the third he has so ably written. He reviews forty-seven Grand Bodies, including North Carolina for 1892-'93. He quotes freely and comments occasionally. Under Arizona, he speaks out his views on a uniform Ritual, and of course if his ideas prevail, never-no-never will uniformity or even an approach thereto ever be attained. We are for the adoption by each State of the Ritual of the General Grand Chapter, and if any Grand Chapter has any little idols set up for their own particular worship, let them keep them, but let the Ritual, the secret work, be enforced. Then the 'tinkering' will stop."

The M. E. HENRY I. CLARK was elected Grand High Priest; the R. E. HORACE H. MUNSON was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Past High Priest JAMES SOUTHGATE, Durham, Chairman Committee of Correspondence.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in Durham on Thursday after the second Tuesday in May, 1895.

NORTH DAKOTA.

The Grand Chapter of North Dakota held its fifth Annual Convocation at Valley City June 14th, 1893.—M. E. DAVID M. HOLMES, Grand High Priest, R. E. FRANK J. THOMPSON, Grand Secretary. Eleven chartered Chapters were represented and two Past Grand High Priests were present.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. After returning thanks to the Great Ruler for their preservation, he stated that the Angel of Death had passed them by, while beloved companions of sister jurisdictions had been taken from their earthly labors to rest forever in the Spiritual Temple above.

The official acts of the Grand High Priest were few. The Grand Chapter of New South Wales was recognized and an exchange of Representatives proposed. The Finance Committee report the Treasury in condition to respond to all reasonable demands. We judge by the following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence that the Grand Chapter of North Dakota (very unwisely, we think) prohibit the use of substitutes. Better take back the prohibition, companions, and avoid all this special action in these necessary matters, especially necessary in a new jurisdiction like North Dakota. Here is the report :—

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the matter of *Grafton* Chapter, report as follows :

"That the action of *Grafton* Chapter in conferring the Royal Arch upon but two *bona fide* candidates be and the same is hereby legalized."

And as we would expect under such circumstances, Comp. CHARLES E. GREGORY presented the following resolution and moved its adoption :—

"Resolved, That the Most Excellent Grand High Priest may grant dispensation, in cases of emergency, to substitute a companion in the exaltation of a team."

The resolution was adopted.

The subject of installation being considered, Comp. HENRY moved that a public installation of the Grand Officers-elect be held at 8 P. M. at the same time and place with the officers of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star, which this day has been organized.

The Grand Chapter then called from labor to refreshment. The officers-elect and members of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star were then admitted. Mrs. LORAINNE J. PITKIN, the Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star, was presented to the M. E. Grand High Priest, who welcomed her and invited her to a seat near the Grand Council.

The following officers were then installed: M. E. SYLVESTER J. HILL, of Fargo, Grand High Priest, R. E. FRANK J. THOMPSON, of Fargo, Grand Secretary. FRANK J. THOMPSON, of Fargo, is Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

The next Annual Convocation will be held at Fargo June 13th, 1895.

A Convention of High Priests of North Dakota was held January 14th, 1894, the M. E. SYLVESTER J. HILL, President, M. E. GEORGE H. PHELPS, Recorder.

The Convention opened in Due Form. Three High Priests, possessing the necessary qualifications, were introduced and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

The usual business being concluded, the Convention closed.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia held its twenty-fifth Annual Convocation at New Glasgow on the 12th day of June, 1894,—M. E. WILLIAM B. ALLEY, Grand High Priest, R. E. ALEX ROSS, Grand Secretary. Eight Chapters were represented.

There were present twelve representatives of sister jurisdictions and six permanent members.

Past Grand High Priest Comp. JACOB HART NEFF represents Nova Scotia near the Grand Chapter of California.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

The Grand High Priest, in his Annual Address, said :—

"Companions: We are pleased to see you, and knowing that you are here to legislate and to do business in the best interests of the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction, bid you a hearty and fraternal welcome to this, the twenty-fifth Annual Convo-

cation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, feeling assured that our assembling together on this occasion in the enterprising town of New Glasgow will redound to the credit of the institution whose welfare we have so deeply at heart, which undoubtedly will be the result if we truly and sincerely invoke the blessing of the Great I Am on our deliberations.

"A year ago we met in Annual Convocation in Halifax, where we had a pleasant and profitable gathering, a goodly number of vigorous Chapters being well represented, our ceremonies ending with a grand street parade and attendance at divine service with our brethren of the Blue whose invitations and friendly intercourse we, as Royal Arch Masons, always appreciate and respect. We took part in another procession during the year in the city, in which the Royal Arch Craft did themselves credit."

From the Address we notice that there is friction between our companions of Canada and Nova Scotia. The Grand High Priest says:—

"I have long regarded it as quite unfortunate that a Grand Chapter, which is at best only the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of a province, should persist in calling itself the Grand Chapter of Canada. It does not seem to be in good Masonic form—is not fraternal—as it certainly tends towards the exclusion of other sister Grand Bodies. It is, to say the least of it, awkward in many respects, and may, as in the case under consideration, do injustice to individual companions. By this edict of the Grand Chapter of Victoria certain Canadian companions are under a ban, and we can well imagine how easy it is in a far off country to confound our Canadian jurisdictions. Even as I read this I know that a good companion of my mother Chapter—*Kel/h*—is in that latitude, exposed to the dangers and vicissitudes peculiar to those who go down to the sea in ships, and I confess I do not like to entertain the idea that he would be debarred the companionship and sympathy of Royal Arch Masons should misfortune assail him. I think, therefore, even if we should decide to take no action on the contents of the circular, we should, for the reasons I have endeavored to specify, respectfully ask the Grand Chapter of Canada to modify its title.

"I am sorry that this adjunct of Grand Chapter has not been as successful during the year as I wished it to be. Some progress has, however, been made. On the 2d of November, 1893, I held a convention in Truro, and assisted by R. E. Comps. Past High Priests S. J. WADDELL, HIRAM W. YUILL, C. F. W. BELL, JOHN HAY, M. E. Past Grand High Priest L. B. ARCHIBALD and others, conferred the degree on R. E. Comp. JOHN ROSS, Past High Priest of *Alexander* Chapter, No. 11, Charlottetown, P. E. I."

There is no action by the Grand Chapter presented for comment. The jurisdiction seems to be in fairly good condition, with no special evidence of progress.

R. E. Comp. HON. WILLIAM ROSS, R. W. Grand Secretary, on behalf of the M. W. Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia, extended an invitation to the Grand Chapter to walk in procession with the Grand Lodge on Wednesday morning and attend divine service.

On motion of R. E. Comp. T. A. COSSMAN, seconded by R. E. Comp. D. H. CAMPBELL, it was

"Resolved, That the invitation be accepted and the Grand Secretary instructed to acknowledge the same.

There being no further business the twenty-fifth Annual Grand Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia was closed in Ample Form by the M. E. Grand High Priest WILLIAM B. ALLEY, to meet in the town of Sydney in June, A. D. 1895.

M. E. WILLIAM B. ALLEY was elected Grand High Priest; R. E. ALEXANDER ROSS was re-elected Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

The Grand Chapter of Ohio held its seventy-eighth Annual Convocation in the city of Columbus September 19th, 1894,—M. E. O. A. B. SENTER, Grand High Priest,

R. E. Comp. CHAS. C. KIEFER, Grand Secretary. One hundred and thirty-nine chartered Chapters were represented. There were also present twenty-nine representatives of sister Grand Chapters, with seven Past Grand High Priests. The Grand Chapter was opened with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

A fine portrait of Grand High Priest SENTER invites the perusal of this volume.

The Grand High Priest opened his Address with thanks to the Divine Father for his care and protection since their last Convocation. With feelings of solemnity, he reported the loss of one hundred and eighty-eight companions, members of eighty-four different Chapters of the jurisdiction.

He also reported the losses by death of many eminent Masons of sister Grand Chapters, and extended the sympathies of Ohio to their bereaved companions.

The Grand High Priest reports many decisions on Masonic law, but they are, almost without exception, answered by reference to the Ohio Code.

We note a printed reply to one of the reported questions, which we quote to reinforce:—

"Comp. D. H. STRAW sent the following letter, December 28, 1893:—

"At the regular meeting of our Chapter, No. 169, in this month, the officers who fill the stations for 1893 were re-elected to serve during the year 1894; from High Priest to Guard, all re-elected. Is it necessary to be installed?"

"Fraternally,

D. H. STRAW, H. P."

"The next day I sent him the following:—

"It is as necessary to install the officers of your Chapter as it was to elect them."

The Grand High Priest, at the instance of an inquiring companion, gives the following statistical information:—

"In response to your favor of the 20th, the following is an estimate made by reliable authorities for the year 1893:—

Number of Master Masons in the United States.....	780,000
" Lodge Odd Fellows in the United States.....	560 000
" " Knights of Pythias in the U. S.....	440,000
" Members in Ancient Order United Workmen in the United States, 290,000	
" Master Masons in the world.....	2,250,000
" Odd Fellows (including Manchester Unity) in the world.....	1,750,000
"The other orders mentioned are but little known outside the United States."	

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

"In company with E. Comps. GIBSON H. ROBINSON, D. G. H. P.; S. STACKER WILLIAMS, proxy of E. Comp. J. H. BROMWELL, E. Grand King; GEORGE D. McBRIDE, E. Grand Scribe, your Grand High Priest attended the twenty-ninth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, at Topeka, Kan., Wednesday, August 22, 1894, to which date it was postponed from July 18th, because of the railroad strikes in July.

"Before the formal opening of the General Grand Chapter, public ceremonies were had at the opera house. Welcoming addresses were made by Comp. OWEN A. BASSETT on behalf of the Royal Arch Masons of Kansas, a response to which was made by Comp. GEO. L. McCAHAN, of Maryland, acting General Grand High Priest; from GEO. W. CLARK, Grand Master of Masons of Kansas, to which a response was made by Comp. REUBEN C. LEMMON, of Ohio, General Grand King; also an address of welcome from Mayor HARRISON, of Topeka, to which a response was made by Comp. THOS. W. TAYLOR, of Georgia, General Grand Scribe. These speeches were interspersed with excellent selections of music by a military band.

"The General Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at three o'clock in the afternoon, immediately after which the acting General Grand High Priest delivered an address, which gave evidence that the Craft throughout the United States was in a prosperous condition. Satisfactory reports were also presented by the General Grand Treasurer and General Grand Secretary.

"An evening session was held, and Comp. FREDERICK SPEED, of Mississippi, read a carefully prepared and highly interesting memorial upon the life of the late General Grand High Priest, JOSEPH POTTS HONER, of Louisiana. It was adopted by a unanimous rising vote, after which the General Grand Chapter immediately took a recess, meeting again Friday morning, August 24th. Much of the interest of this session centered upon the relations borne to the General Grand Chapter by the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania and Texas."

"M. E. GEO. L. McCAHAN, of Baltimore, was elected General Grand High Priest. Baltimore, Maryland, was selected as the place to hold the next Triennial Convocation in 1897."

The Grand Treasurer reports on hand, \$11,589.08.

We take the following statistics from the report of the Grand Secretary:—

No. of Chapters on register of Grand Chapter.....	146
No. of Chapters under dispensation.....	1
	147
No. of Chapters reporting this year.....	146
No. of Chapters not reporting this year.....	1
	147

RECAPITULATION.

No. of members at close of year, August 31, 1893.....	13,110
" " omitted.....	33
" " exalted.....	727
" " admitted.....	90
" " reinstated.....	131
	14,091
Deduct—	
No. of members withdrawn.....	144
" " died.....	188
" " suspended non-payment of dues.....	371
" " un-Masonic conduct.....	11
" " expelled.....	4
	718
Present membership.....	13,373
Net increase.....	263

The Committee on Charity made the following report, which was adopted:—

"Your Committee on Charity, believing that it will meet with the unanimous approval of the Companions Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, do heartily recommend that the Grand Chapter appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to the Ohio Masonic Home."

The Representative of California, Comp. CHARLES E. LOGAN, of Cincinnati, did not answer roll call.

Comp. LEVI C. GOODALE, Past Grand High Priest and Trustee of the Masonic Home, reports the total cash receipts to August 1st, 1894, at \$85,844.76; amount of unpaid subscriptions, \$24,686.98; total expenditures to date, \$64,261.59.

Comp. JOHN I. WILSON made a fraternal and touching report for the Committee on Obituaries.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

There were held during the Convocation of the General Grand Chapter several meetings of anointed High Priests from different States. The object of the meetings was to obtain a uniformity of the ritual.

Ohio was again honored by the selection of another of her distinguished companions to preside over the meetings, Comp. JOHN W. CHAMBERLIN.

The Order of High Priesthood was conferred in a most solemn and impressive manner upon a Companion High Priest in whose State the Order has not yet been promulgated.

We have received the proceedings of the Ohio Convention, through the kindness of our distinguished companion whose portrait confers lustre upon the little volume—M. E. JOHN W. CHAMBERLIN.

We had intended to have been one of the Convention at Topeka, but failed to make the necessary connections, and "got left."

The Council of High Priests of the State of Ohio convened in Annual Convocation for the transaction of business, and was opened in Ample Form in the City of

Columbus, September 19, 1894. E. Comp. JOHN W. CHAMBERLIN, President, E. Comp. J. H. BROMWELL, Recorder, and a large number of companions, members of the Grand Council, were present.

The President stated the object of the call to be consultation, and perhaps action, looking to more uniformity in the Ritual, and the advancement of the general interests of the Order of High Priesthood.

The President submitted a report of the convention held at Topeka during the session of the General Grand Chapter of which the following is an abstract:—

After some general discussion, E. Comp. WM. D. THOMPSON of Kansas offered a resolution, that the President appoint a committee of not less than five, of which he should be *ex officio* Chairman, with power to fill vacancies or increase at his pleasure, which said committee should consider and report to an adjourned meeting of this Convention some plan of procedure or its recommendations as to what, if anything, had best be done for the advancement of the Order of High Priesthood.

Said resolution was adopted, and the following committee was duly appointed: JOHN W. CHAMBERLIN, *ex officio* Chairman, Ohio; ALEX H. HOLT, District of Columbia; ALLAN McDOWELL, Missouri; CHARLES L. CHOVEY, New Jersey; ALEX THOMAS, Indiana; WM. D. THOMPSON, Kansas; JAS. W. STATON, Kentucky; HENRY CLAY ARMSTRONG, Alabama.

The Convention then adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

Pursuant to adjournment, and in obedience to the call of E. Comp. JOHN W. CHAMBERLIN, President, the Convention re-assembled in the Masonic Temple, Topeka, Kansas, August 22, 1894, at 7:45 P. M.

E. Comp. WM. D. THOMPSON of Kansas, on behalf of the committee appointed at a former session of the Convention, submitted the following report:—

*“Excellent Companions:—*Your committee fraternally reports the following recommendations:—

“First. That it is inexpedient to organize a General Grand Convention of the Order of High Priesthood.

“Second. That with a view to uniformity in nomenclature, assemblies of the Order be designated as Conventions of the Order of High Priesthood, and individual members as Anointed High Priests, and addressed as E. Comp. companions.

“Third. That the governing body of the Order be in each Grand Jurisdiction a Grand Convention of the Order of High Priesthood.

“Fourth. That all Conventions adopt a formal ceremony of opening and closing.

“Fifth. That with the object of uniformity in work, a committee of three be selected to consider and formulate a Ritual for the Order, which shall include the formal ceremonies of opening, conferring the Order and closing, with suitable recommendations as to floor work and lectures; and such committee may, upon proper application, furnish one copy of the same to the principal official companion of the Order in each of the several Grand Jurisdictions, and shall make a report of all its acts to a Convention of High Priests to be holden during or at the next Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, to which Convention the several Grand Jurisdictions are recommended to send representatives.

“Pursuant to a resolution of the Convention, the foregoing report was taken up and considered by sections.

“The first section was adopted.

“The second section was adopted, after a motion to amend the same by substituting the word ‘Council’ for the word ‘Convention’ wherever the same occurs had been voted down.

“The third, fourth and fifth sections were adopted.

“The report was then adopted as a whole.

“A resolution was then adopted, directing that the President of this Convention be Chairman of the committee, with power to appoint the other two members of said committee, and to fill any vacancies that may occur in the same. The President appointed to serve with him on said committee E. Comp. companions WM. D. THOMPSON of Minneapolis and ALLAN McDOWELL of St. Louis.

“On motion of E. Comp. ALEX THOMAS of Indiana, the Secretary was directed to prepare a written statement and record of the proceedings of the two sessions of this Convention.

“The Convention then adjourned ‘sine die.’

“J. W. CHAMBERLIN, President.

“Attest: “JACOB T. BANNON, Secretary.”

Of the results of this conference Comp. CHAMBERLIN writes:—

"This being the first time in the history of the Order in the United States that Anointed High Priests, representing such a large number of our State Bodies, had ever assembled together in Convention, the interest of the companions in the welfare of the Order was shown by the frequent conversations among those from the different States, comparing notes, learning how the work was done in the various States, and returning to their homes with new ideas on many points, all enthusiastic in their attachment to our beautiful Order, and in three cases I was assured that State Conventions would be organized at the earliest possible moment in States where none now existed.

"Ohio was well represented in our Convention, no less than eight Anointed High Priests being present from the Buckeye State. To these companions I am largely indebted for their assistance and co-operation in the work of the Convention, and especially for their aid in conferring the Order of High Priesthood."

With the consent and approval of M. E. Comp. GEORGE L. McCAHAN, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and M. E. Comp. J. C. POSTLETHWAIT, President of Kansas Convention of High Priests, a special meeting of Ohio Council of High Priests was convened in Ample Form, in Masonic Temple at Topeka, with the following companions as officers:—

M. E. Comp. J. W. CHAMBERLIN, of Ohio.....	as President.
" " W. D. THOMPSON, of Minneapolis, Kansas.....	as Vice-President.
" " J. C. POSTLETHWAIT, of Jewel City, Kansas.....	as Chaplain.
" " GRAFF, M. ACKLIN, of Toledo, Ohio.....	as Treasurer.
" " G. H. ROBINSON, of Cleveland, Ohio.....	as Recorder.
" " ALLAN McDOWELL, of St. Louis, Missouri.....	as Master of Cer.
" " ORESTES A. B. SENTER, of Columbus, Ohio.....	as Conductor.
" " JACOB DEWITT, of Salina, Kansas.....	as Herald.
" " J. D. NORTON, of Topeka, Kansas.....	as Steward.

And the following Anointed High Priests:—

H. CLAY ARMSTRONG.....	Montgomery, Ala.
SYLVESTER J. HILL.....	Fargo, North Dakota.
L. F. STEVENSON.....	Kansas City, Missouri.
S. STACKER WILLIAMS.....	Newark, Ohio.
EDWIN MORRELL.....	Columbus, Ohio.
MORRIS GOLDWATER.....	Prescott, Arizona.
JOHN N. MCCOMB.....	Lawrence, Kansas.
JAMES W. STATON.....	Brookville, Kentucky.
WILLIAM H. MAYO.....	St. Louis, Missouri.
GEORGE J. PINCKHARD.....	New Orleans, Louisiana.

The President announced that application had been made by M. E. Comp. CORNELIUS HEDGES, Past High Priest of *Helena* Chapter, No. 2, Royal Arch Masons of Helena, Montana, and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery of Montana, to receive the Order of High Priesthood; and there being no Anointed High Priests in that jurisdiction, and the companions present all consenting, he was introduced, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood in Due Form.

There being no further business, the Council of High Priests was closed in Ample Form.

On motion of Comp. GOODALE, the report of President CHAMBERLIN was referred to a special committee, consisting of Companions GOODALE, MORRILL and MCBRIDE. This committee made a report as follows:—

"Your committee, to whom was referred the report of the E. President of the Council of High Priests of Ohio, respectfully recommend that the report as a whole be adopted, and printed with the proceedings of this Convocation.

LEVI C. GOODALE.
EDWIN MORRILL."

The report was adopted and the recommendation concurred in.

A very interesting paper by S. STACKER WILLIAMS, Past High Priest, entitled "A Sketch of the Order of High Priesthood," accompanies this report, which we should be glad to publish for the information of our companions, but we must forego the pleasure for want of space.

At the last Convention of High Priests of Ohio, the Order was conferred upon forty-one High Priests of their respective Chapters.

The Report on Correspondence is as usual by Comp. S. STACKER WILLIAMS, who needs no introduction to the readers of Masonic history and literature in the Masonic world. He gives us as an appetizer an introduction of ten pages, devoted to the origin and nativity of the Royal Arch Degree. We wish it were possible to lay all these good things "*in extenso*" before our readers, but we must wait for the "good time coming" when we can not only publish, but place a copy of our proceedings in the hands of every affiliated Royal Arch Mason in California.

Under Arizona, Comp. WILLIAMS notes the death of our co-correspondent LIGHTHIZER, and joins in expressions of sympathy over the early "taking off" of our lamented companion.

Under California, the illness of our Grand High Priest CHARLES RAY GRITMAN is noticed, and we remark to Comp. WILLIAMS that the illness proved his last, for in a few short weeks he received the summons to lay aside all earthly relations and enter the Heavenly Grand Council, where we hope and trust he is at rest forever. In his review, Comp. WILLIAMS notes the absence of their representative and companion, Past Grand High Priest WILEY J. TINNIN. We answer for Comp. TINNIN, Comp. WILLIAMS, and assert that he is never absent except for cause—it might be a wedding or a christening—but nothing in the usual course of events keeps him from his Masonic duties.

Comp. WILLIAMS refers to our probably conceited statement in regard to our old home, Utica. It may be, Comp. WILLIAMS, that we are conceited, but we can't help it, and assure you that we have the same feeling now. Pardon us, Comp. WILLIAMS, for that little matter of local pride. His comments are complimentary to our general legislation. For his endorsement of our opinions upon the questions of the present, and for his generous compliments upon our report, and for his republication of our comments upon our beloved Companions DAVIS and HOMER, we owe and tender thanks.

Under Kentucky, we find the circumstances so nearly resembling our own Cerneanism that we quote:—

"In answer to the insinuation of Comp. DUNCAN that the Grand Chapter of Kentucky had meddled with what did not concern her, Comp. STATON said:—

"He takes upon himself to severely criticize the action of the Grand Chapter for its dealings with Cerneanism. We have argued these points in other reports; we will not stop to do so again. Suffice it to say that if Comp. DUNCAN only knew the facts as they are known to us, he would not be so free with his criticism. We do not believe that the Grand Chapter is the place to fight Cerneanism, not that we do not believe it has a right to do so, but we have contended that the proper tribunal is the Grand Lodge, because that is the foundation of all Rites and Systems, but when the fight is forced upon us, even in the Grand Chapter, we are not the people to quietly submit and let these disorganizers have a clean sweep, to suit their own sweet will. We do not seek contentions, and this was clearly manifested upon the part of the loyal Masons of Kentucky, but we are not a people to run away because the enemy became bold and aggressive. It is always best to know what one is talking about before being so free with criticism. The Grand Chapter determined to protect itself and its subordinates against the boldness of the Cerneau aggressors, and it will continue to do so when intruded upon by those who would trail the fair banner of legitimate Masonry in the dust."

We must leave Ohio, although with regret, but then you know, all of you, that Ohio can take care of herself.

of the Grand Chapter to this a corresponding date, when we again find ourselves face to face with many vacancies in our representation, which is occasioned by the great strike now prevailing, which situation you will fully understand and appreciate. We trust your deliberations will not in any way be marred, and that peace and good order will soon be restored."

The Grand High Priest delivered an eloquent address, making sad mention of their own kindred and brethren who had gone up with their work for inspection, and expressing the earnest sympathy of the companions of Oregon with sister jurisdictions who are mourning for their dead.

The Grand High Priest reported his official acts—congratulates the companions upon the steady growth of the cause of Capitular Masonry in Oregon.

The following decision may interest some of our High Priests, and we quote for their benefit:—

"The Secretary of *Siskiyou* Chapter, No. 21, desired my decision upon the following question, viz.:

"Has a Royal Arch Chapter the right to confer the Past Master's Degree on a Master Mason without his first petitioning the Chapter for the degrees in the regular way?"

"My answer was no. The Past Master's Degree, as conferred in the Chapter, is only a preparatory degree for further advancement in the Chapter, and only confers on the recipient the title of Virtual Past Grand Master. It has been the custom, and held to be legal in this jurisdiction, that when requested by the Master of a Lodge of A. F. and A. M., the Past Masters belonging to any Chapter would convene a Past Master's Lodge and confer the Degree of Past Master on a Master-elect, in order to qualify him for the position of Master of his Lodge. No record of said proceedings should be made in the record of the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons."

Comp. GEORGE C. PERKINS represents the Grand Chapter of Oregon near the Grand Chapter of California.

The following statistics are taken from the report of the Grand Secretary:—

Number of members last annual report.....	1,167
Number exalted during the year.....	81
Number admitted during the year.....	19
Number omitted in last year's return.....	1
Number reinstated during the year.....	6
Total.....	1,274

CONTRA.

Number of members last annual report.....	1,167
Number dimitted during the year.....	18
Number suspended during the year.....	0
Number stricken from the roll during the year.....	23
Number died during the year.....	13
Number expelled during the year.....	0
Total.....	1,221

Gain in membership during the year.....	53
Total number of members at present.....	1,220
Number of Chapters making returns.....	26

The Grand Chapter of New South Wales was recognized as a lawful Grand Chapter and welcomed into the sisterhood of Grand Chapters.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Grand Council of High Priests of the State of Oregon held a Convention in the city of Portland July 9th, 1894,—the R. E. J. M. HOBSON, Acting President, M. E. J. F. ROBINSON, Recorder.

The Council was opened in Ample Form.

Six companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, having been elected, were admitted and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

No further business appearing, Council closed.

The Report on Correspondence is written and presented by Comp. J. M. HODSON, Grand King, and Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. Comp. HODSON reviews the proceedings of forty-seven Grand Royal Arch Chapters in his able and thoroughly independent way. He "presents his work for inspection" in the following words:—

"Your Committee on Correspondence fraternally presents the following review of the proceedings of our sister Grand Chapters, and hopes that it may prove of interest and value to all of the companions who will honor us with a careful perusal. "It is a work requiring great research and considerable labor, yet it carries with it a pleasure found in no other field, being one of the greatest forces binding members of Capitular Masonry into one body with but one grand aim, elevating and benefiting all who come within the pale of its influence."

In reviewing California for 1893-94, Comp. HODSON quotes liberally from the Address of Grand High Priest WILLIAM B. DAVIS of 1893, writes words of praise of our status in the family of Grand Chapters, commends our financial condition and approves our general legislation.

He writes kind words of this correspondent and concurs in many of his opinions, although dissenting in the matter of Grand Chapters having the right to kick when insulted. Of the expressed opinions of this Correspondent on that matter, he says:—

"He believes in the 'original jurisdiction' of the Grand Chapter over all Royal Arch Masons, including the right to expel them from the rights and privileges of Capitular Masonry. We are not built that way. When Chapters meet to organize Grand Chapters by legal authority, all rights not enumerated in the Constitution adopted as being conceded to the Grand Body are reserved to the Chapters; and we venture to say that there is no such clause or section in any Grand Constitution claiming or granting any such right. That it has been done, we admit, but in every case it was just as wrong as the execution of lynch law. It was merely cases of 'might' making 'right.'"

Yes, Comp. HODSON, we believe in jurisdiction to the end of "protecting itself" by any body of Masons and that a Grand Chapter for acts of contempt may punish by expulsion.

For the kind expressions of Comp. HODSON we are thankful and most heartily reciprocate the hope of a personal acquaintance some day.

Comp. HODSON, under MAINE, writing of Comp. DRUMMOND and his opinions, says:—

"Speaking from a constitutional standpoint, he seems to favor the idea that Grand Chapters may entertain charges and try companions for un-Masonic conduct and expel if found guilty. Our idea is that all cases may come before the Grand Chapter upon appeal from the subordinate Chapter, but that cases of official misconduct are the only kind in which either the Grand High Priest or Grand Chapter have original jurisdiction. Every companion is justly entitled to a trial by his peers before his own Chapter on matters relating to his personal conduct. The Grand Chapter has the right of final decision as a court of last resort. It also has the right to rid itself of an offending member by expelling him from its meeting—evening ejecting him, if necessary—but not the inherent right to expel him from the rights and privileges of Capitular Masonry for personal conduct previous to or outside of its meetings."

Under Massachusetts Comp. HODSON makes the following comments upon the necessity of signing the by-laws to complete membership—a full page wouldn't make it plainer:—

"We do not think there is any objection to a companion signing the by-laws, but our idea is that when a Master Mason petitions Chapter he asks for all it can confer, and when the Chapter elects him the preliminaries on each side are completed; and when the degrees are conferred he is in fact a member and entitled to all its rights and privileges, and would not have the right to petition another Chapter for membership without first securing a dimit."

Under Minnesota, Comp. MONTGOMERY, in reviewing Alabama, expressed the opinion that in our decision rendered, that suspension in the Blue Lodge for non-payment of dues operated as a suspension from all the privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, "the punishment was too severe for the offense."

Comp. HODSON says:—

"We think that depends. If he was suspended because he did not wish to pay his dues it was not severe enough. If he was not able to pay, then even the law was right, but his Lodge may have been too severe. Of such things the Lodge is usually the best judge, and we have seldom heard of a case in which a Lodge erred in being too hard on its members; the error is frequently in being too lax in the execution of its laws. Let a brother maintain his good standing intact or begin at the top, so to speak, to cut his expenses."

Comp. HODSON writes an elegant report. We are in sympathy with his opinions generally; in fact, we Pacific Coast people are built much the same way in our Masonic structure. We are for maintaining the American system in its integrity.

The M. E. W. C. CRAWFORD was elected Grand High Priest; R. E. JAMES F. ROBINSON of Eugene, Grand Secretary; Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, J. M. HODSON, Portland.

QUEBEC.

The seventeenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec January 30, 1894.—The M. E. ALBERT D. NELSON, Grand High Priest, the M. E. WM. H. WHYTE, Grand Secretary. Ten Chapters were represented. There were present the representatives of eighteen sister Grand Jurisdictions and five Past Grand Zs.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

The Grand Z. delivered his Annual Address, with the opening as follows:—

"It is the unexpected that usually happens. Twelve months ago another R. E. Companion, whom we all esteemed, was elected as my successor as Grand First Principal of this Grand Chapter, but the Most High ordered otherwise, and before our Grand First Principal elect could take his oath of office, death removed him from our midst.

"After consultation with a number of the active leading members of Grand Chapter, I issued the following circular:—

'GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF QUEBEC.

MONTREAL, May 30th, 1893.

"To the Officers and Companions of the Subordinate Chapters of this Jurisdiction:

"EXCELLENT COMPANIONS:—Owing to the death of Right Excellent Companion E. R. JOHNSON, Grand Z. elect, you will please take notice

"That, as our late R. E. Comp. EDWIN RUTHVEN JOHNSON, through illness, was unable to be installed into the office of Grand First Principal Z., to which he was elected at last Annual Grand Convocation; therefore, I, ALBERT D. NELSON, Grand First Principal Z., and holding said office until my successor is regularly installed in my stead, do hereby appoint M. E. Comp. DAVID SEATH, P. G. Z., as acting Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter, to replace me in said office of Grand Treasurer to which I was elected.

"And, furthermore, by the death of our Right Excellent Companion JAMES FREDERICK WALKER, Grand J., the office of Grand Third Principal J. has thus become vacant; therefore I, ALBERT D. NELSON, Grand First Principal Z., do hereby appoint, until next Annual Grand Convocation, Right Excellent Companion H. E. CHANNELL, P. G. H., of Stanstead, to fill the vacancy thus created."

to imitation. The Grand Chapter of Montana, without impugning the motives, or criticising the taste of sister Grand Chapters, respectfully declines further exchanges and requests its Grand High Priest to decline making further appointments upon the expiration of those now outstanding."

Comp. CHAMBERS comments upon this admission of the Mountain people, and suggests to Comp. HEDGES and the boys that:—

"It is none of our business to offer an opinion as to the action of the Grand Chapter of Montana, in doing away with the Grand Representative system, but we may at least express some little surprise at the admission by a body not only claiming to be a sovereign Grand Chapter, but generally recognized as such by sister Grand Chapters, that it is, after all, "only a limited sovereignty." And so this is the effect of owing allegiance to a General Grand Chapter!

M.: E.: Comp. E. T. D. CHAMBERS was elected Grand Z; M.: E.: Comp. WILL H. WHYTE was re-elected Grand Scribe E.

M.: E.: WILL H. WHYTE, of Montreal, Chairman Committee of Correspondence.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Montreal Tuesday, January 29, 1895.

RHODE ISLAND.

The ninety-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island was held in the city of Providence March 13th, 1894.—The M.: E.: HORACE K. BLANCHARD, Grand High Priest, the R.: E.: WM. R. GREENE, Grand Secretary. Ten Chapters were represented. There were present seventeen Past Grand Officers, and the Representatives of twenty-three sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Address, in which he set forth the first duty of the assembled companions "to assemble around the sacred altar and render thanks to the Supreme Architect for the many blessings bestowed during the year."

Rhode Island mourns the loss of two members of the Grand Chapter during the recess.

The Grand High Priest reported his official acts, and gave a pleasant account of the celebration of its Centennial Anniversary by Providence R. A. Chapter, No. 1, on the 3d and 4th of September, 1893. After reciting the ceremonial observances of the day, he says:—

"On Monday the exercises were continued at Infantry Hall with a historical address by R.: E.: GEORGE H. BURNHAM, followed by an eloquent oration by Comp. CORNELIUS L. TWING, D. D., of Brooklyn, N. Y."

"The afternoon exercises were followed by a banquet in the evening. The celebration was an occasion of rare enjoyment throughout to all who participated, and as this grand old Chapter entered upon its journey toward its second centennial, those who have it in charge now, and in the future, as they look back upon these anniversary exercises and the illustrious story of the past, cannot but be inspired with renewed zeal in the labors in which they are engaged, and a laudable ambition to make the history of the Chapter in their time one that will add new lustre to the brilliant record of the past."

M.: E.: SAMUEL G. STINESS presents the following report:—

"The committee to whom was referred the matter of the relations of this Grand Chapter with the General Grand Chapter of the United States, respectfully reports:—

"The Committee on Relations with the General Grand Chapter, after careful consideration of the subject committed to them, have reached the conclusion that it is inexpedient, at the present, for the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island to enter into constituent relations with the General Grand Body."

Comp. WILEY J. TINNIN, Past Grand High Priest, represents the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island near the the Grand Chapter of California.

M.: E.: ALBERT L. ANTHONY was elected Grand High Priest; the R.: E.: WM. R. GREENE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Upon the opening of the Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, in which he paid earnest tribute to the memory of the eminent dead of their own and sister jurisdictions. Of the condition of their own jurisdiction, he says:—

“In our own jurisdiction, so far as I have been able to learn, the utmost peace and harmony have prevailed. No grievances have been reported, and no questions of Masonic law have been submitted for decision. A few dispensations of the usual character have been granted, but none of sufficient importance to merit mention.”

The Committee on the Address of the Grand High Priest make this encouraging statement:—

“Your committee, in view of the various causes that have operated to make a supposed lull in the work, see no cause for discouragement, but merely an incentive to increased diligence in the future. One of your committee has been accorded the privilege of witnessing the revival that has been going on in *Eureka* Chapter, and with the excellent material they have at their disposal, she bids fair soon to stand second to none in point of usefulness and membership.”

COURTESIES BETWEEN THE CAROLINAS.

The Grand Chapter resolved as follows:—

“*Resolved*, That this Grand Body highly appreciates the courtesies extended by the Grand Chapter of North Carolina to our Deputy Grand High Priest, and through him to this Grand Body, and most heartily and fraternally invites all members of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina to visit us on like occasions, and to feel themselves at home.

“*Further, Resolved*, That the report of the Deputy Grand High Priest be recorded in the proceedings of this Grand Chapter.”

Past Grand High Priest Wm. T. LUTHER represents the Grand Chapter of South Carolina near the Grand Chapter of California.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

A Convention of the High Priests of South Carolina was held after the closing of the Grand Chapter, M. E. Comp. W. H. WITHEROW, President.

The Grand Council opened in due form.

Seven Companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, having been elected, were admitted and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

The business of the session being concluded, Convention closed.

M. E. J. T. BARRON was elected Grand High Priest; R. E. J. E. BURKE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chapter of South Carolina held its Annual Convocation in the city of Charleston February 12, 1895,—M. E. J. T. BARRON, Grand High Priest, R. E. A. E. FUGLE, Grand Secretary. Fifteen Chapters were represented.

The Grand Chapter was opened with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The representatives of seven sister Grand Jurisdictions were received with the Grand Honors and welcomed by the Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. He said: “We should begin our deliberations with profound gratitude to Him in whose hands are the issues of life and death.” He reminded the assembled companions that they had been called upon to mourn the loss of beloved companions and said: “Let us ever remember our dead, and, by little, loving attentions, smooth the pathway, so far as may be, of those left behind.” He reported the names inscribed on the Death-Roll, and paid affectionate tribute to their memory.

The dead of sister jurisdictions were remembered with their own bereavement, and an earnest tribute of respect and sympathy extended to the mourning jurisdictions.

The Grand High Priest attended the session of the General Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest, in recounting his official acts, made a most interesting report of the improved condition of Royal Arch Masonry in South Carolina. He describes in earnest words "the lifting of the clouds" and the promise of the "silver lining" on the morrow. He says:—

"This Grand Chapter has, from time to time, issued its charter to forty-four subordinate Chapters. From one cause or another, there were, some six years since, only about one-fourth of these Chapters, with a membership of about three hundred, really working.

"At that time, the Grand Chapter was harassed with debt, and the faithful ones saw but little "silver lining to the dark cloud" that hung over them and threatened the very existence of this Grand Chapter. To-day, I am happy to proclaim, we have about twenty active Chapters, with a membership of over six hundred; we are free from debt, with a comfortable working balance in the treasury; and we have resumed the publication of a review of the proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions. But it is a matter of regret and concern that we have so many unaffiliated craftsmen in our jurisdiction. Twenty years ago we had more than nine hundred affiliated Royal Arch Masons. Owing to the great distance between our Chapters, there is little inducement for old members of defunct Chapters to affiliate elsewhere, since they cannot enjoy the meetings nor participate in the work of a Chapter. The only way I can see to reclaim this army of non-affiliates is to revive their old Chapters. I have considered this question very carefully, and feel convinced that, with judicious management and some common-sense business methods, a number of these old Chapters can be resuscitated and become useful constituents of this Grand Body."

So mote it be, Comp. BARRON.

No decisions of importance were rendered.

The Grand High Priest reported eleven visitations.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

A Convention of High Priests was held in the city of Charleston February 12, 1895, M. E. Comp. JACOB T. BARRON, President.

Four companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, and otherwise qualified, having been elected, were admitted, introduced, and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by R. E. ALBERT E. FUGLE, Grand Secretary and Correspondent. Comp. FUGLE has done a grand thing for the Grand Chapter of South Carolina. If there is any one thing that will "wake up" the Royal Arch Masons in that jurisdiction to appreciate their importance and consequent responsibilities it is correspondence, thus keeping in touch with the rest of the Masonic world. Comp. FUGLE has commenced a good work, and creditably to himself and his Grand Chapter. He tells us he has selected as his form of report the style of that eminent thinker and writer, Comp. S. STACKER WILLIAMS, of Ohio. We congratulate him on his selection, and wish him abundant success. May he be endowed with the wisdom to understand and explain the mysteries of our legislation, from the adoption of perpetual jurisdiction by a small minority to the decided inconvenience of the great majority, down to and through the mazes of non-affiliation and its effects. Comp. FUGLE has given us an excellent report, even without California. Probably we were not at hand, although we can't guess why.

Under Arizona, we find this sprig of acacia on the grave of our friend and correspondent, LIGHTHIZER:—

"The Report on Correspondence was the last Masonic work of our lamented Companion, HARRY BUDD LIGHTHIZER. His work in the reportorial field was short, but he had amply proven his ability for his position, and would, had he been spared, have risen as one of the stars of that firmament. But such was not to be. The All-Wise saw fit to call him to rest, even while it was yet day. To us his work appears unfinished and incomplete, but the 'Master Overseer' saw otherwise, and we bow in humble submission to His will. Cold and damp though his bed may be where he now lies sleeping, yet may his waking be with joy, to mingle with the loved and lost who had gone before, and, with them and those whom he had left behind, to enter upon a realization of that 'peace which passeth all understanding,' and that fullness of joy that shall be for evermore."

Referring to visitations, under Connecticut, Comp. FUGLE remarks:—

"Companions, pardon a suggestion. In all the Chapters visited the Grand Officers speak in the highest terms of the manner in which the work was done. This, we know, is pleasant; but, seeing that only so few Chapters could be visited, would it not have been well to have visited some of the weaker Chapters (if such there be in Connecticut), and have given them the benefit of their presence and instruction?"

And his suggestion under Iowa we think a good one; another illustration of cause and effect, Comp. FUGLE. We think the denial of the use of substitutes as unwise a prohibition as would be the exemplification of work in any part or degree. Comp. FUGLE makes this suggestion:—

"The law in Iowa against the use of substitutes seems to be very strict, and may it not be that herein lies one of the causes for 'weak Chapters?' There being but little work there is nothing to stimulate and keep alive the interest of the companions."

The following comments on the sentiments expressed by Comp. BESTOR G. BROWN, Grand High Priest of Kansas, referring to the Representative system, seem to us in the right line, sound and practical:—

"He is certainly not over head and ears in love with the Grand Representative system. We do not, however, agree with our M. E. companion in his views on this matter, nor see that those who have accepted the honor and failed to carry out the duties offer any argument against the system itself. Unfortunately, in every branch of Masonry we sometimes meet with those whose places could be better filled, but this should only make us more careful in the selection of their successors."

M. E. Comp. JACOB T. BARRON was re-elected Grand High Priest; R. E. ALBERT E. FUGLE was elected Grand Secretary.

Correspondent—Comp. ALBERT E. FUGLE, Columbia.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Charleston February 11, 1896.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

The Grand Chapter of South Dakota held its fifth Annual Convocation in the city of Hot Springs on the 14th of June, 1894,—the M. E. ROBERT T. SEDAM, Grand High Priest, R. E. GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, Grand Secretary. Twenty-four chartered Chapters were represented. There were also present three Past Grand High Priests and the representatives of twenty-one sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Chapter was opened with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

In addressing the Grand Chapter the Grand High Priest performed the duty of reporting the death of R. E. Grand Scribe Comp. JOHN E. BENNETT, who was stricken down on the first of the new year and passed to his eternal rest. His death was communicated to the jurisdiction in the following circular:—

OFFICE OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST,
ST. LAWRENCE, S. Dak., January 4th, 1894. }

"Companions: It becomes my sad and painful duty to announce the sudden death of our esteemed and beloved companion, R. E. Grand Scribe JOHN G. BENNETT, who died in Pierre, December 31st, 1893.

"Born at East Bethany, Genesee county, New York, March 18th, 1833; educated at Genesee Wesleyan College of Lima, N. Y., graduating in 1852; was the first postmaster of Morrison, Ill.; at the breaking out of the rebellion he was elected as lieutenant-colonel of the 75th Illinois, and in December, 1862, he was promoted to colonel and served throughout the war. After the war he served for some time as judge advocate of the regular army, and after Arkansas was reconstructed he was elected judge of the First Circuit and afterwards Supreme Judge. When his term expired he removed to Helena, Ark., and resumed the practice of law.

"In 1883 he came to Dakota, locating at Clark, Clark county, and continued in the practice of his chosen profession. Having served his county for several years as county attorney, he was elected in 1889 as a member of the Supreme Bench of South Dakota; in 1893 was re-elected to succeed himself, but died two days before the date fixed for qualifying for the new term.

"Comp. BENNETT always took a deep and abiding interest in Masonry; he was a charter member of *Olivet* Chapter, No. 28, at Clark, and served as its High Priest for three terms; he passed through all the honorary distinctions of Capitular Masonry up to and including the R. E. Grand Scribe; he was also a member of *Watertown* Commandery, Knights Templar, and *El Riad* Shrine, A. A. O. N. M. S.

"Greatly honored by his associates in the various orders of Masonry, he honored them more by his faithful discharge of all official duties imposed upon him. By his many Christian virtues, his intelligence, his efficiency and zeal, he had acquired a host of devoted friends who seriously mourn his loss.

"He was buried with Masonic honors January 2d, 1894; the Governor and other State officers were in attendance, together with a large concourse of friends.

"It is hereby ordered, as a mark of esteem and in honor of his memory, that the usual emblems of mourning be placed upon our altars for the space of sixty days, and that this memorial be read at the first meeting of the several subordinate Chapters and be spread upon the minutes."

The Grand High Priest reported the jurisdiction in good condition, the several Chapters showing a steady increase in membership and harmony prevailing. He says no decisions have been asked for which could not be answered by reference to the Constitution and By-Laws.

Fine portraits of Past Grand High Priests ROBERT T. SEDAM and COLLINS D. PRATT ornament this volume.

Deputy Grand High Priest ADOLPHUS HEWEL represents the Grand Chapter of South Dakota near the Grand Chapter of California.

The Report on Correspondence is written and presented by M. E. Comp. LEWIS G. LEROY, who assumed the work of writing the Report for Comp. PERRY GREW, the Chairman, who was invalided from an affliction of the eyes. Comp. LEROY is the present Grand High Priest. He reviews fifty Grand Jurisdictions.

Under California he quotes Grand High Priest WILLIAM B. DAVIS, compliments CASWELL and makes favorable mention of this Correspondent's work.

He comments on our action upon the proposition of *San Francisco* Chapter to establish a life membership. The companions of *San Francisco* Chapter have the satisfaction of knowing that the favorable interest of so large a number of the jurisdictions has been shown in their proposition for life membership that the right plan will certainly come to the front in the near future. Our legislation is generally approved.

Under Illinois Comp. LEROY explains how South Dakota came to admit Chapters chartered, but not constituted, to exercise the rights of regularly constituted Chapters at a former session. He says:—

"The resolution referred to was that giving to the Chapters U. D., who were granted charters by the Grand Chapter, the right to vote on all questions during the balance of the Convocation.

"We are ourselves in some doubt as to the propriety of the action (although ourself is to blame for presenting the resolution), it constituting a bad precedent, yet it is no violation of the Constitution as we read it, for it (the Constitution of the Grand Chapter) uses the words subordinate and chartered Chapters, the word constituted not appearing. And as the Chapters U. D. were granted charters early in

the session, we thought to give them a chance to assert their privilege—which they did to our sorrow in carrying through the resolution concerning jurisdiction, upon which Comp. PRABSON comments:

“‘It is in direct controvention with former decisions approved by the Grand Chapter and may cause trouble.’

“Not in our opinion in mileage, but it may and will cause strained relations between subordinate Chapters having jurisdiction, the stronger Chapters getting the best of it, having more attractions to offer candidates than small country Chapters.”

Better reconsider your action, Comp. LEROY, by making a “clean breast” of it and avoid much future confusion.

The M.^c. E.^c. LOUIS G. LEROY was elected Grand High Priest; R.^c. E.^c. GEORGE A. PETTIGREW was re-elected Grand Secretary; the R.^c. E.^c. GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

The next Annual Convocation will be held at Pierre June 13th, 1895.

TENNESSEE.

The Grand Chapter of Tennessee held its sixty-sixth Annual Convocation January 28, 1895,—M.^c. E.^c. JAMES H. MCCLISTER, Grand High Priest, R.^c. E.^c. W. A. CLENDENING, Grand Secretary. Sixty-four Chapters were represented.

Ten Past Grand High Priests and one Past Deputy Grand High Priest were present.

The Journal opens with a handsome portrait of Grand High Priest MCCLISTER.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest gave fraternal greetings to the assembled companions, and with them joined in thanks to the Great Creator for the protection and preservation of the past, invoking his care and guidance for the future.

In sadness he reminded them of the repeated visits of the Angel of Death, taking from among them the brightest and best beloved of their friends and companions.

R.^c. E.^c. Comp. GEORGE COOPER CONNOR, Past Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee, Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar and Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, had, in obedience to the summons, passed to his final rest.

M.^c. E.^c. JOHN W. HUGHES, Past Grand High Priest, was also remembered among those who had been called to the Heavenly Grand Council above.

And as though unsatisfied, the mysterious power again enters our mystic circle, and takes the beloved Comp. JOHN FRIZZELL, an eminent, illustrious Mason, whose life was an exemplification of the Masonic virtues. He had been the chosen of the Craft in Tennessee for their Grand Master, Grand High Priest and Grand Commander, and of the National Jurisdiction for General Grand High Priest. He was also President of the Convention of High Priests in Tennessee. CONNOR, HUGHES, FRIZZELL—an illustrious trio. Most certainly, Tennessee has furnished her full quota in answer to the demands of the Grim Messenger.

The Grand High Priest had made visitations to such Chapters as had invited him. He had not been able to make, as he had intended, a thorough visitation of the subordinate Chapters.

The Grand High Priest attended the session of the General Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, adopted the following certificate to be issued to the widow of a Royal Arch Mason, who should be in good standing at the time of his death:—

WIDOW'S CERTIFICATE.

.....Chapter, No....., Royal Arch Masons, held at.....
in.....County, State of Tennessee.

To ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

KNOW YE, That Mrs....., whose name is written in the margin,
in her own handwriting, is the widow of our beloved Companion.....,
who was a Royal Arch Mason, and a member of this Chapter in good standing at
the time of his death. As such we commend her to the care and protection of all
Royal Arch Masons.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Chapter, this
.....day of.....Anno Inv. 24.....

[L. S.]

....., H. P.
....., King.
....., Scribe.

.....Secretary.

The Grand Chapter resolved to discontinue the representative system, and it is
abolished so far as Tennessee is concerned.

Tennessee has on her muster roll sixty-four Chapters, with a membership of 2,684
Royal Arch Masons.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The thirty-first Annual Convention of the Grand Council of the Order of High
Priesthood was held in the city of Nashville January 29, 1895,—M^r. E. I. J. THUR-
MAN, President, E. JOHN B. GARRETT, Recorder.

Twenty-two companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters and otherwise
qualified, having been elected, were admitted, introduced and consecrated to the
Order of High Priesthood.

The Council donated seventy-five dollars to the Widows' and Orphans' Home.

An election was held, when, no further business appearing, the Council closed.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by Comp. HENRY H. INGERSOLL—a
review of forty-one American Grand Chapters and seven foreign Grand Bodies, a
total of forty-eight.

Comp. INGERSOLL enters with this modest introduction:—

"Bidden by the Grand High Priest to the post of duty, left vacant by the de-
parture of Comp. CONNOR, this writer has obeyed the call and assumed the functions
of correspondent with misgivings. He knows how large the vacancy, and how
anxious the expectations of his companions, and with his inexperience in such duties
he appreciates his inability to fill the chair to the satisfaction of the Craft. But com-
missioned to travel in our own and in foreign lands for your benefit, he starts out
with the purpose to observe and preserve whatever may appear strange, odd, amus-
ing or instructive on his journey, and to report it to you, that all may have pleasure
or profit thereby. When the journey shall have been finished, the observations noted
and the report made, it may then be useful and proper to summarize results and
make suggestions. The trip shall take first over our own States and Territories in
alphabetical order, and then into jurisdictions where float the flags of other nations."

Under Arizona, he notices the death of Comp. LIGHTRIZER, and says:—

"He was a pleasing writer and held in high esteem, and Tennessee sends sincere
condolence to our companions in the far Southwest over the loss of this brilliant
literary genius. Alas! Alas! That he did 'bloom out,' and 'shine forth' for but
a single year."

Under California, Comp. INGERSOLL quotes from the Address of Grand High
Priest GRITMAN, who was absent from illness which proved fatal in a few short weeks
after the close of the Grand Chapter. Comp. CRAWFORD read the Address of the
Grand High Priest and presided during the session.

Comp. INGERSOLL makes no dissent from the method of the business transacted,
compliments our action in reference to the Home, and is generous in his notice of
this correspondent. He writes:—

"The Grand Secretary's report shows, among other things, the donation of \$2,000 'toward the erection of that grandest of all charities, "The Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home of California," together with the assurance that the remaining \$3,000 would be paid as called for, without the least embarrassment. Right in the midst of the proceedings, and not pushed off as an appendix, as is usual in most jurisdictions, appears the Report of the Committee on Correspondence, from Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES (English-Jewish-Welsh), reviewing the proceedings of forty-five American Grand Chapters and three foreign Grand Bodies. This elaborate and exhaustive report of 122 large, fine-print pages, gives a complete history of Capital Masonry for the year 1893, together with liberal extracts from all the correspondents' reports, and is prepared with much care and system."

The name analysis is good. We see now where our money-saving propensities come in. Never say, What's in a name? Comp. INGERSOLL quotes our conclusion in full. We appreciate the compliment.

Under Delaware, we quote the following comment on the thrifty suggestion of the Grand High Priest:—

"He laments the failure in time past to procure the portraits of Past Grand High Priests, and recommends that some action be taken to procure them while yet they live in the memory of members of that body. This, too, meets the approval of the committee, who recommend that 'all Past Grand High Priests be requested to furnish their portraits, properly framed.' Verily, there is thrift among our companions in the 'land of peaches!'"

And we are heartily in sympathy with this morsel under Georgia:—

"With regret we turn from the pages of this Address to the business of the Convocation. The Grand Chapter showed its opinion of its Grand High Priest by re-election, and by tabling an amendment to the Constitution, offered by Comp. JULIUS L. BROWN to prevent the further re-election of the Grand High Priest, by the decisive vote of one hundred and fifty-six to fifty. True eloquence in Georgia, Comp. BROWN, cannot be curtailed by such flank movements!"

Under Rhode Island, Comp. INGERSOLL notes the action declaring it inexpedient for that Grand Chapter to enter into relations with the General Grand Chapter, and he breaks forth into the following pathetic words of invitation:—

"Oh Rhody, dear Rhody, come back to us now,
The clock of the Ages strikes ninety-five,
If you won't come back now, come as soon as you can;
We'll welcome you back to the great swarming hive."

Under Pennsylvania, Comp. INGERSOLL quotes the following:—

"We believe that the Past Master belongs exclusively to the Blue Lodge, and that Chapters have nothing to do with it. It was an official degree originally, and nothing more. It is in Ancient Craft Masonry, and there it must remain, and it should be placed where it belongs and where it is in Pennsylvania, under the control of the Grand Lodge. The General Grand Chapter will not discard it, because it makes the fifth of its series of the seven degrees. We have no fifth degree or Past Master in Pennsylvania."

Comp. INGERSOLL comments thereon and asks a very pointed question—for information:—

"But what can this mean? Can it be that our Quaker companions intend to assert that the laws of the General Grand Chapter prescribe that membership in a Chapter is essential to membership in the Blue Lodge? How does it prescribe who shall be members thereof, and when did it attempt to pass so foolish a law as this? In Tennessee the Grand Lodge recognizes no superior, and the laws of the General Grand Chapter are as ineffectual in our Grand Lodge as 'Pope's bull against the comet.' What means the Pennsylvania committee by this deliverance? Haven't they got the wrong 'sow by the ear?'"

Under Texas, to the rejection by that Grand Chapter of the invitation to come under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter and become "one of us," Comp.

INGERSOLL writes, and we hope and believe his wish will be realized in the near future :—

"And so, Sister Texy, you will still stay out with 'Little Rhody' in the cold! Well, sometime you will change your mind, and join your sister States in maintaining their fraternal relations in the General Grand Chapter of Granted Powers, which is to English-speaking Capitular Masons 'the Parliament of Man—the Federation of the World.'"

We have thoroughly enjoyed this bright report, and shall look with much interest for Comp. INGERSOLL's reappearance.

M. E. A. G. KIMBROUGH was elected Grand High Priest; R. E. W. A. CLENDENING was re-elected Grand Secretary. Comp. H. H. INGERSOLL, Knoxville, Chairman of Correspondence.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Nashville on January 26, 1896.

TEXAS.

The Grand Chapter of Texas held its forty-fifth Annual Convocation in the city of Houston, December 4th, 1894.—M. E. FRANK NUSOM, Grand High Priest, R. E. GEORGE LORAS, JR., Grand Secretary. Eighty-four Chapters were represented.

Thirty-two sister Grand Jurisdictions were represented, and there were present twelve Past Grand High Priests.

Comp. A. S. RICHARDSON, of Houston, Representative of California, was not present. After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. After welcoming all to their annual deliberations, he reminded them that one hundred and thirteen of their companions and associates had been called upon to lay aside their working tools, and had gone to receive their reward. He mentioned many names eminent among their companions, whose services to the Royal Craft entitled them to pre-eminence in their councils, who had passed to a "higher existence, leaving behind them an influence which will live on forever."

He reports that notwithstanding the distressed condition of the country, Royal Arch Masonry in Texas had prospered, and all had confident hopes of a bright future. Their finances were in excellent condition.

Many decisions were rendered by the Grand High Priest, all of which evince a thorough knowledge of the law and regulations, but as they are mostly decided by the local law, and not of general application, we do not quote.

The Grand High Priest mentions the important question of a return to the General Grand Chapter. He said they had reports for and against it, and no more need be said on the subject. He is in favor of the return, and hopes the companions will agree upon the best course to pursue in the solution of the question.

The Grand Visitors for the Eastern, Western and Middle Districts made their reports, which were published with the proceedings.

The Grand Secretary gives the receipts for the year at \$5,719.30. Disbursements by the Grand Treasurer, \$3,703.83.

The Committee on Obituaries made an eloquent report.

After reviewing the entire correspondence between the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapter of Texas, the Grand Chapter, by an overwhelming majority, adopted the following resolutions :—

"Resolved, That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas returns its thanks to the General Grand Chapter of the United States for its courtesy to the Committee of this Grand Chapter, which visited their Body at Topeka, in August last.

"Resolved, That while entertaining the highest respect and most cordial brotherly feeling for the Royal Arch Masons who are members of the General Grand

Chapter of the United States, as well as for all those Grand Chapters which acknowledge its jurisdiction and supremacy, the Royal Arch Chapter of Texas deems it inexpedient to surrender its own sovereignty as an independent Masonic Body, and believes that the true interests of Capitular Masonry will be best promoted by adding to the action it has already taken toward the Grand Chapter of the United States."

We regret the decision, but as Texas seems determined to "stand to and abide by" it, we must wait a little longer. We know that she can't always go it alone.

The reporter of the "Post," Comp. SINCLAIR, was thanked for fair reports, and the ladies of Houston for fragrant flowers.

Texas has two hundred live Chapters, with three under dispensation, and a membership of 5,681 Royal Arch Masons.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Scriptural passages pertaining to the Order are published, but without the proceedings of the Convention.

Comp. JOHN L. TERRELL, Chairman of Correspondence, presents the report, in which he reviews the doings of forty-nine Royal Arch Bodies and the General Grand Chapter of the United States. He gives an excellent report of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, but as we have noticed the same elsewhere, we must let it pass. He joins in the universal fraternal expression of sympathetic regret at the early death of our friend and correspondent, LIGHTHIZER of Arizona. Comp. TERRELL proves himself a graceful, easy writer, wishing to give a reason for the faith that is in him, and what is better, thoroughly indoctrinated with the laws and usages based upon the original plan and groundwork of legitimate Masonry.

Under California, Comp. TERRELL notes the absence of our Grand High Priest, Comp. CHARLES R. GRITMAN, through illness. Yes, companion, our co-laborer in the Royal Arch vineyard for several years, was, at the time of our Annual Convocation, resting with the shadow of death enveloping him. In a short month thereafter, he was summoned within the Vail into the heavenly Grand Council—peace to his memory.

Comp. TERRELL quotes freely from our Report on Correspondence, and we note his approval on most of the subjects named, although he is disposed to criticize our General Regulation 8, and we can hardly think he has given it more than a passing glance. The regulation refers, companion, not to a petitioner for the degrees but to one who has passed the ordeal of the ballot, been elected, and has received the degree of Mark Master. Don't you think he has acquired the right, at least, to have an objection to his advancement inquired into, and determined by the Chapter as to its being a valid and Masonic one? We think so. Put yourself in the Mark Master's place, and tell us next year.

Comp. TERRELL gives expression to the sentiments of a loyal Mason when he says in response to the pros and cons of the advocates and demurrers to the proposed reunion of the Grand Chapter of Texas with the General Grand Chapter:—"The chief reason of this writer for desiring to return to the obedience of the General Grand Chapter, is not because of any authority or power in the General Grand Chapter that it can or may exercise, but because of a moral and Masonic duty and obligation upon us—our duty and not its authority."

M^r. E^c. J. K. STONE was elected Grand High Priest. E^c. GEORGE LOPAS, Jr. was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Houston, December 3d, 1896.

VERMONT.

The Grand Chapter of Vermont held its seventy-seventh Annual Convocation in the city of Burlington June 15, 1894,—*M. E.* MYRON J. HORTON, Grand High Priest, *R. E.* WARREN G. REYNOLDS, Grand Secretary. Twenty-six chartered Chapters were represented. Twenty-six sister jurisdictions were represented, and there were present six Past Grand High Priests.

The Grand Chapter was opened with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest, after invoking the blessings of heaven upon the labors before them, reminded the assembled companions of the vacant places in their midst caused by the removal of thirty beloved companions from the society of the living to the silent halls of death. He also joined in fraternal tribute to the memory of the illustrious companions of sister jurisdictions who have passed to their eternal rest.

He makes the pleasant announcement that the Grand Chapter of Vermont is at peace with all the world, with prosperity always in attendance, as the result of their labors. Practically no special dispensations were issued, and no decision upon Masonic law enquired for. The Grand High Priest had made but few visitations, that agreeable duty being left for the Grand Lecturer and District Deputies. In conclusion, the executive head confesses that his duties have been imperfectly performed, and asks for Masonic charity.

The following statistics are taken from the report of the Grand Secretary:—

Number exalted	91
Number admitted	8
Number reinstated	4
Number died	30
Number dimitted	9
Number suspended	4
Number expelled	2
Present membership	2581

The Finance Committee report balance on hand, June 15th, 1894, \$4,390.01.

The Grand Lecturer and District Deputies reported the condition of their several supervisions.

The Representative of the Grand Chapter of Vermont is that old time veteran of all Masonic work in California, Past Grand Master WILLIAM C. BELCHER—God bless him.

THE ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Convention of High Priests of Vermont assembled in the city of Burlington June 14th, 1894,—the *M. E.* EDWIN O. HIBBARD, President, *E. E.* CHARLES B. WILLIAMS, Recorder. Grand Council opened in Due Form. Nine companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, having been elected, were admitted and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood. Convention closed.

Comp. MARSH O. PERKINS submits the Report on Correspondence. He has attained the age of a veteran workman, and as we old Whigs used to say of HENRY CLAY, "his mouth speaks for itself."

In his review of Arizona, we quote his sad tribute to our Comp. LIGHTHIZER:—

"It is with the deepest sorrow that we announce the death of Comp. H. B. LIGHTHIZER, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. Very soon after the close of the Grand Chapter, and before the completion of his report, our worthy companion was suddenly called to join the silent majority; hence his report is published in its unfinished condition. Our companion was a pleasing writer, and highly esteemed by all who knew him. We shall miss his presence and his valuable services in our Grand Chapter.—GEORGE J. ROSKRUGE, *Grand Secretary.*"

Under California, Comp. PERKINS finds our community prosperous in our general legislation, admires our financial condition, and finds nothing to object to in the way we have of taking care of ourselves. He says he regrets that, like the dying swan, "we have sung our first and last," but is satisfied with the assurance of CASWELL's return. Well, Comp. PERKINS, we can assure you that our friend CASWELL is again in splendid health, and decidedly coltish in his general conduct. He is now a Sovereign Grand Commander, and can't afford to give us much attention, anyhow. Comp. PERKINS quotes from the Address of the Grand High Priest, notices the death of Past Grand High Priest ISAAC S. TITUS, congratulates us on our financial condition, and generally approves of the California way of doing things. Of Correspondence, he quotes approvingly from the writer, and places him under obligation by the writing of kind words.

Under Maryland, Comp. PERKINS says :—

"A single decision is reported to the effect that a brother, who has lost both legs since his attainment to the degree of a Master Mason, is not eligible to the capitular degrees. We know 'tis law, but live in hopes to see it greatly modified, so that a worthy, brainy brother need not be ruthlessly cast out among the rubbish, merely because of physical misfortune. Who knows what priceless keystone may be thus rejected? In the following will be found a very practical line of duty for a certain class of high officials, of whom it is so frequently queried, if they are not a sort of 'vacuum bill' after all."

Under Kentucky, we quote this (to us) sensible conclusion :—

"We do not agree on the subject of re-installation in case of re-election. We see no rules of law governing civil offices which may not apply to Masonic offices. Comp. SINGLETON knows very well that a civil officer re-elected for the fiftieth time is compelled at each re-election to take the oath required by law before he can begin his new term. Besides, if an officer is under bond, as is the case with the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary in the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Kentucky, his bond is worthless in law beyond the term for which he was elected. That would hardly apply to the hold-over proposition. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky lost about \$6,000 on that kind of a proposition, and experience will prove an instructor when all other methods fail. Notwithstanding what PIKE, MACKEY and others say, that 'no one can succeed himself,' yet we find the ruling does not hold good in the civil law, and we think it equally applicable in Masonic law."

Under Massachusetts, this is from SERANUS BOWEN and of course is good :—

"We believe in the beauty and utility of music properly introduced in the working of Masonic degrees; but in certain portions of the work we are strongly opposed to having the singing done by a quartette, though the execution of the music may be much better than where the singing is done by the congregation. But in the work of the Mark and Most Excellent degrees, the 'Mark Master's Song' and 'Most Excellent Master's Song' should be sung by the entire congregation. The strong point of each of these degrees is, that every one is taking part in the ceremonies at the time the singing is in progress. The prime object should always be to give an effective and intelligent rendering of the degrees, and not to allow it to degenerate into the giving of a concert with the degrees thrown in as a sort of a 'chromo.'"

Under New York, we quote the following compliment to the General Grand Chapter as an expression of loyalty quite refreshing in these degenerate days :—

"As the oldest Grand Chapter in existence; as the authority under which American Capitular Masonry has acquired the power and influence of a national organization; as the only authority under which the Royal Craft can be organized in new and unoccupied territory, and as the final arbiter to which all questions between the several Grand Chapters are submitted for settlement, it is entitled to the constant and earnest support of every Royal Arch Mason."

Good and weighty testimony from New York.

Comp. PERKINS closes his review of New York with this opinion of Comp. WILLIAMS' report—we mean WILLIAMS of Ohio :—

"Comp. WILLIAMS' entire report is an able paper, but we wish that he, and all others like him, would drop the word 'Foreign' before 'Correspondence.' Vermont has too much good, true-blue Yankee blood mingled with the native Sons of Light in Ohio to be frigidly styled, or brought under the head of 'Foreign.' More than this, the term is un-American, and in these days of a united Nation,—with a big 'N,' mind you,—ought not to be used by the advance guard of the capítular guild. It is bad enough to group our Canadian cousins and companions in a 'Foreign' class, but to number one's own sisters as among the foreigners is insufferable."

The M. E. MYRON J. HORTON was re-elected Grand High Priest; the M. E. MARSH O. PERKINS, Windsor, Chairman Committee on Correspondence; R. E. WARREN G. REYNOLDS was re-elected Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

The Grand Chapter of Virginia held its eighty-seventh Convocation in the city of Richmond November 13th, 1894,—M. E. JOHN THOMAS CARTER, Grand High Priest, Comp. WILLIAM B. ISAACS, Grand Secretary. Twenty-three Chapters were represented. Three Past Grand High Priests were present and six Grand Representatives of sister jurisdictions.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Address.

After the usual greetings the Grand High Priest reported existing harmony and general progress, and called the companions' attention to the death of Grand High Priest FRANCIS H. HILL, a well beloved and useful member of their Capitular household. He recommended that a memorial page be devoted to his memory.

In his Decision No. 1 he decided that a Chapter could not entertain the petition for membership of a non-affiliated Master Mason, which we consider proper ruling, based on good sound doctrine.

The Grand Chapter of New Brunswick was recognized and welcomed to the sisterhood of Grand Chapters.

The following interrogatory and resolution was made and adopted:—

"If a Master Mason should be suspended or expelled, and after an appeal to the Grand Lodge should be reinstated to the rights and benefits of Masonry, does it reinstate him to membership in the Chapter?

"Resolved, That the answer be in the negative."

There is no Report on Correspondence from Virginia.

The Convention of High Priests met in the city of Richmond during the Convocation of the Grand Chapter,—M. E. A. S. LEE, President, E. Comp. J. P. STEFFNER, Recorder *pro tem*. Six companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters and otherwise qualified, were consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

The M. E. WILLIAM H. H. LYNN was elected President, and the E. WILLIAM B. ISAACS Recorder. Convention closed.

Virginia has thirty-nine Chapters on the roll with a membership of 2,350 Royal Arch Masons.

M. E. GEORGE W. PÖE was elected Grand High Priest; E. Comp. WILLIAM B. ISAACS was re-elected Grand Secretary; E. Comp. WILLIAM B. ISAACS, Richmond Chairman of Correspondence.

WASHINGTON.

The Grand Chapter of Washington held its tenth Annual Convocation in the city of Colfax September 12th, 1894,—the M. E. JOHN W. BEAN, Grand High Priest, the R. E. YANCY C. BLALOCK, Grand Secretary. Fourteen Chapters were represented. Two Past Grand High Priests and the representatives of seven sister Grand Jurisdictions were present.

The Grand Chapter was opened with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, returning thanks to the Supreme Power, who had preserved them with unbroken ranks to meet once again in annual assembly to legislate in the interest of their beloved organization.

The Grand High Priest granted several dispensations for good and sufficient reasons, and refused others, as he did not deem them authorized by the law and not warranted by the reasons advanced. The Grand High Priest seems to have acted for the best interests of the Grand Chapter, always having in mind his responsibilities as ruler of the household.

Regarding the postponement of the time of meeting of the Annual Convocation, he says:—

“A number of our constituent Chapters have requested me to postpone the meeting of the Grand Chapter for 1894 to such a time and place in 1895 as I might deem best. This request I have been compelled to refuse. Our written law is specific on this point and distinctly provides when and where the Grand Chapter shall meet. There can be no doubt but that the Grand High Priest is endowed with certain prerogatives, but those prerogatives do not give him the power or right to violate, set aside or cancel any constitutional provision of the Grand Chapter. The Grand High Priest above all others, is charged to obey and enforce obedience from others to our laws and regulations, and it seems to me it would illy become the dignity of the highest officer in the Craft to break the laws he has faithfully sworn to obey.”

The Grand High Priest, from unforeseen causes, was prevented from attending the Triennial Convocation of the Grand Chapter at Topeka, Kansas.

The Grand Secretary reported the loss by death of eleven of their beloved companions during the year. He also reported the death of the many eminent companions of sister jurisdictions and recommended that their names be placed on memorial pages in token of their sympathy with the bereaved jurisdictions.

On the subject of Rituals the Grand Chapter resolved:—

“First—That the Rituals of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the United States of America, shall be the Rituals and adopted work of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Washington on and after May 1st, 1895.

“Second—That it shall become obligatory upon all subordinate Chapters to use said Rituals and to work in the conferring of degrees and other ceremonials on and after May 1st, 1895.”

Past Grand High Priest Comp. LOUIS ZIEGLER of Spokane is the Representative of California near the Grand Chapter of Washington.

Comp. YANCEY C. BLALOCK presents his fifth Report on Correspondence. The time of meeting having been changed from June to September, the list of Grand Chapters reviewed is complete, with some jurisdictions noted for two years. The review is very full and gives an excellent abstract of the doings of the Royal Arch legislatures of America.

Under Arizona he notes the sad intelligence of the death of Comp. LIGHTHIZER, and pays a fraternal tribute to his memory.

In his review of California for two years, 1893-4, he quotes our action without comment, remembers CASWELL and refers to the absence of Grand High Priest GRITMAN from the Convocation of 1894 on account of illness. No doubt Comp. BLALOCK has since learned that his illness at that time resulted in his death in a short month after the close of the session. Our companion was a noble specimen of the accomplished Free and Accepted Mason, and his early taking off is sincerely regretted by his companions, and especially those with whom he was intimately associated in Lodge, Chapter and Commandery.

Under Connecticut, in replying to Comp. BARLOW, who expressed the hope that he, Comp. BLALOCK, in his next would be more free to express his convictions, he says:—

“We are sorry to disappoint the companion, but we are still keeping close to the shore for various reasons.”

Don't do it any longer, Comp. BLALOCK; give us a reason for the faith that is in you. Never mind if you are a Methodist, or even a "hard shell" Baptist; quote law as though you were a born lawyer. Keep the flag of Washington to the fore and all will be well with you—our word for that.

M. E., HORACE W. TYLER was elected Grand High Priest; R. E. YANCEY C. BLALOCK was re-elected Grand Secretary; Correspondent, Comp. YANCEY O. BLALOCK, Walla Walla.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Tacoma June 5th, 1895.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The Grand Chapter of West Virginia held its twenty-fourth Annual Convocation in the city of Wheeling November 12th, 1894,—M. E. JOHN W. MORRIS, Grand High Priest, R. E. ODEL S. LONG, Grand Secretary. Every Chapter in this jurisdiction (20) was represented. Nine Past Grand High Priests were present and a number of visitors. Past Grand High Priest KEPHART D. WALKER, the Representative of California, was present.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with appropriate ceremony.

The Grand High Priest gave thanks to "Our Father who art in Heaven" for the privilege of meeting once again in Annual Convocation. Much of the Address was confined to matters of the jurisdiction of the several Chapters located near the boundary line between Old and West Virginia.

After reporting his official acts, which are but few and of local import only, under the head of necrology he reported the names of such eminent companions of sister jurisdictions as had fallen during the year and the notice of whose death had been officially received. He says:—

"These distinguished companions have served the Fraternity in eminent and conspicuous position, and their death has subdued the great heart of the brotherhood; and in nearly all of the Chapters in this State and in other Chapters throughout the broad land there are hearts that are sorrowing for the loss of dearly loved, close and intimate friends.

"Death comes at last to every door."

The Representatives of fifteen sister Grand Jurisdictions were formally introduced, welcomed and saluted by the Grand Chapter.

West Virginia enjoys the allegiance of twenty Chapters, with a membership of 1,016 Royal Arch Masons.

The Committee on Obituary made a feeling report in memory of thirteen companions who had laid down their earthly work and passed to eternal rest. As a tribute to the memory of the illustrious dead memorial pages were ordered devoted to the record of their useful lives and inserted in the journal of the session.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

At Wheeling, on the 12th of November, 1894, the officers and a number of the members of the Convention of Anointed High Priests were present and held an informal meeting, the Convention not being regularly opened and no work being done. E. Comp. O. S. LONG, President, read the companions the action had by the Convention at Topeka in August, 1894, showing that a Committee on Ritual had been appointed, and stated that letters recently received from the chairman of the committee conveyed the information that the report was well nigh completed. A general consultation and discussion was had relative to the interests of the Order of High Priesthood in West Virginia, and it was the opinion of all present that uniformity of work in all the Conventions in the United States is highly desirable, and that the Order in West Virginia is willing and anxious to place itself in line with the

ceremonial and teaching in other Grand Chapters. To this end it was thought best to defer further work until the Convention to be held in 1895, at which time it is confidently hoped that fuller information as to the proposed uniform Ritual may be had. In the meantime the officers and members of the Convention remain as heretofore.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by Comp. HUGH W. TORRENCE, chairman of the committee. He submits a review of the doings of forty-one Grand Royal Arch bodies, including the foreign jurisdictions of New Brunswick, New South Wales and Quebec.

In his review of Arizona Comp. TORRENCE honors the memory of our companion, friend and correspondent, HARRY BUDD LIGHTRIZEN, by devoting a mourning page to his memory, bearing the record of his service to his country in troublous times, his record as a Mason in Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, and the able discharge of his duties as correspondent for the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery of Arizona.

California for 1894 is reviewed, although Comp. TORRENCE has given us the officers for 1892 at the head of the notice at the session reviewed. M. E. Comp. CHARLES R. GRITMAN was Grand High Priest, and at the session was suffering from severe illness, which proved to be his last, as in a few short weeks he was called home. Comp. ELLISON L. CRAWFORD, present Grand High Priest, presided at the session and delivered the Address in place of Comp. GRITMAN.

Comp. TORRENCE comments upon our legislation and upon the condition of the jurisdiction from a Masonic as well as a financial point of view, and gives us his general commendation.

Comp. TORRENCE has a small grievance, which he puts forth in the following words:—

"The Report on Correspondence is embodied in the proceedings instead of being added as an appendix, which is usual. It is by Comp. WILLIAM A. DAVIES, well written, full of valuable information and in almost every way one of the best that has come under our notice. He reviews the proceedings of West Virginia for two years, 1892 and 1893, speaks approvingly of our Report, quotes what we said of Comp. WILLIAM HACKER of Indiana as the 'ideal High Priest, but either he or the printer so mutilates our name by substituting an 'n' for two 'r's' that out of the connection we should fail to recognize it."

It is safe to say, Comp. TORRENCE, that your "r's" will be carefully guarded hereafter. Our companion closes his notice of California with this neat compliment, for which we make our best bow and vote him a free pass to our jurisdiction, and the freedom thereof, without fees or dues, so long as he shall elect to remain:—

"California always interests us. It is a great and large State, where vegetables, trees, institutions, men, almost everything, grow to large dimensions, and Capitular Masonry is not an exception."

By the by, Comp. HEDGES, the genial correspondent of Montana, gives to Comp. TORRENCE this certificate of general goodness:—

"Our Rev. Comp. HUGH W. TORRENCE, who was placed in charge of the Foreign Correspondence upon the exaltation of the Grand High Priest, entered upon his work with a modesty that bespoke merit, and the results justified the wisdom of the choice. He is ready with pen and scissors and has found something good to say of all. We thank him for a friendly notice of Montana. It seems he was at Denver, and we regret that we missed making his acquaintance. Hope to fare better in this respect at the next Triennial."

Comp. TORRENCE, in his review of Pennsylvania, pays the following deserved compliment to the Masons of Pennsylvania:—

"There are many things in the proceedings and report we would like to speak of, but time will not permit."

"No State in the Union has a finer body of Masons than Pennsylvania. She had the lead, but was passed in the race by New York. Illinois and other States are gaining on her and it will require all possible energy and vigilance to keep to the front.

"Her beautiful temple, costing nearly one and three quarter million of dollars, is the finest in the world, devoted exclusively to Masonic business; but vigilance, energy, brains, character are necessary to keep on top. BEN FRANKLIN and the other distinguished leaders were all right in their day, but they are dead. A long line of worthy ancestry is all right, but to count for much it must have good men at the end of it. Pennsylvania is all right and so are her people; there are none better. We love her, her rocks and rills, her vales and wooded hills, from the Smoky City of Pittsburgh, through the shadows of which we first saw the light, to the bright and beautiful city of Brotherly Love, with her marble doorsteps and white shutters, where we spent several pleasant and happy years of our life. It is wiser and better to live in the present than in the past, to find out who you are than who was your father. We have said some of this for the reason that all through the labored arguments of the Grand High Priest and the committees, declining the invitation of the General Grand Chapter, it is plain reading between the lines that they feel that it would be coming down to take their place simply as an equal beside the other Grand Chapters. We are somewhat averse to argument, but if our judgment on this point is correct we would rather enjoy arguing that question.

"However, so far as we can see, our companions of the Keystone State are all of one opinion, and so the probability is that if we outsiders were in Pennsylvania we would be with them. Much depends on one's point of observation. We are thankful and glad that peace is within her walls and prosperity within her palaces. We hope her predictions in regard to the other Grand Chapters still out in the cold will not be fulfilled, and if we cannot see our companions of Pennsylvania at the General Grand Chapter we will lose no opportunity to do it elsewhere."

M. E. NEIL ROBINSON was elected Grand High Priest; R. E. ODEL S. LONG was re-elected Grand Secretary; Correspondent, REV. HUGH W. TORRENCE, Charleston.

The next Annual Convocation will held on the 11th day of November, 1895, in the city of Charleston.

WISCONSIN.

The Grand Chapter of Wisconsin held its forty-fourth Annual Convocation in the city of Milwaukee February 20, 1894.—Comp. CALVERT SPENSLEY, Grand High Priest; Comp. JOHN W. LAPLIN, Grand Secretary. Sixty-one chartered Chapters were represented. Twenty-five sister Grand Jurisdictions were represented, and there were present seven permanent members.

The Grand Chapter was opened, and the Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address.

He reported the condition of the Order as more satisfactory than could reasonably have been expected under the depressing effect of the financial stringency of the past year. No decisions of importance were rendered.

The Grand High Priest reported the death of Past Grand High Priest R. DELOS PULFORD, an old and valued member of the jurisdiction. He also reported the death of sixty-six resident members of the jurisdiction with sadness, and made sorrowful reference to the vacant places.

The Grand Lecturer reported his visitation of thirty-two Chapters, and gave a detailed account of their condition.

The total assets of the Grand Chapter are \$6,533.87. The Grand Chapter appropriated \$200 for the relief of a sick and needy companion.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances reported "no business."

Comp. ELLISON L. CRAWFORD, Grand High Priest, represents the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin near the Grand Chapter of California.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by Comp. WILLIAM C. SWAIN, who submits a review of the doings of forty-four Grand Chapters in the natural, easy style of one who knows his business. He says he discusses no new questions because there's none to discuss—but thinks some of the old ones will stand a little more

investigation, and he proceeds to stir them up. Comp. SWAIN starts off by quoting an old college drinking song, which we are afraid will shock many sober-minded companions, who may not be acquainted with the circumstances under which the old song was sung, with its rollicking chorus.

Under Arizona, Comp. SWAIN makes the following comments upon Comp. LIGHTHIZER's reference to physical qualifications:—

"We infer from the following that he is not yet converted from the old notion that, because we follow the Ancient Landmark, and forbid initiation to an imperfectly constructed man, we must go beyond where the Landmark ends, viz., initiation, and require him to remain in good physical condition till he reaches the top of the ladder. No doubt the candidate would choose to do so, if he could; but all the Chapter Landmarks (if there are any) require is that he shall be mentally well-built."

He reflects our views in regard to the right of a Grand Body to punish acts of contempt. He says:—

"Grand Bodies do not give to their subordinates the right to discipline for unmasonic conduct. That right is inherent, and Grand Bodies by their trial codes simply regulate the exercise of it, and a Grand Chapter or Grand Lodge has the same inherent right, especially when the offense is against itself. Comp. LIGHTHIZER's theory would put the Grand Chapter, in the case of an offense against itself, which was also a case of unmasonic conduct, first in the position of a plaintiff before a subordinate Chapter of its own, and afterwards, in event of conviction, of a court of appeals in the same case. The fact that a Chapter has power of discipline over its own members, does not deprive another Chapter, in whose jurisdiction one of its members is sojourning, of the power to expel him for an offense committed there. But we have already devoted sufficient space to this question, both previously and elsewhere in this report."

Of California, Comp. SWAIN writes pleasantly—although with a touch of sarcasm. He mentions the Address of Grand High Priest WM. B. DAVIS as mostly a business affair, notes the death of Past Grand High Priest ISAAC S. TITUS, thinks the DAVIS or DAVIES family rather numerous in our Grand Chapter household, and says our dependent membership legislation is a frank admission of its being made in the interest of the Lodge—you are right there, Comp. SWAIN, that's just what we intended it to be. The Grand Lodge of California holds our first allegiance. He quotes our jocular remark about Comp. CASWELL's "sore arm," and says he foregoes his expression of sympathy on account of the bad effects we predicted—too much sympathy. Well, Comp. SWAIN, we are glad to be able to assure you that the good right arm is restored, and our esteemed Grand Secretary has regained both health and strength—but as he is now a Sovereign Grand Commander, we indulge in no more old time familiarity.

Comp. I. S. HAYHURST was elected Grand High Priest; Comp. JOHN W. LAFLIN was elected Grand Secretary.

Comp. WILLIAM C. SWAIN, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

CONCLUSION.

The past year has been one of unusual quiet in all branches of Masonry. The universal depression in the business interests of the country seems to have affected the Masonic spirit, and checked the enthusiasm of the workmen from the ground floor to the asylum. By this stagnant condition, perhaps, the younger jurisdictions have been affected more than the elder. Be that as it may, as sure as the day follows night, we may confidently hope for an improvement "all along the line" in the near future.

The condition of Capitular Masonry in the United States is all that could be desired. The improvement in the last decade has been decided and permanent.

There is great unanimity in the construction of its laws. There is no contention as to what is, or what is not the correct ritual, and there is harmonious action in its legislative bodies.

The questions at issue are few, and not of vital importance. The doctrine of dependent membership and the supremacy of the Lodge is an acknowledged factor in the union for an offensive and defensive alliance between the various branches of the American system of Freemasonry, with the Grand Lodge for the Corner Stone of the edifice.

While rendering thanks for preservation and support in health and strength, let us not forget those companions who went out with us, but never returned. With them the battle of life has been fought and the victory won. In one brief year, the journals of the several jurisdictions have chronicled the death of many eminent and illustrious companions, whose lives were devoted to the exemplification of the principles of Masonry. Companions CONNOR, INNES, WHEELER, VERELAGE, LIGHTHIZER have "gone up higher," and we have but the memory of their useful lives to point the way that we should follow.

California mourns the loss of two Past Grand High Priests: Comp. JOHN MILLS BROWN had not been with us for several years, and yet his memory is to the Masons of California as fresh as the roses in our gardens.

Comp. CHARLES RAY GRITMAN was our beloved companion until death touched him, and he slept. Dear companions, we deplore your loss, but console ourselves with the belief that God in his wisdom has provided for you.

"For none return from those quiet shores,
Who cross with the boatman cold and pale;
We hear the dip of the golden oars,
And catch a gleam of the snowy sail.
And lo! they have passed from our yearning hearts.
They cross the stream and are gone for aye.
We may not sunder the veil apart
That hides from our vision the gates of day.
We only know that their barks no more
May sail with us o'er life's stormy sea,
Yet somehow I know on the unseen shore
They watch, and beckon, and wait for me."

With salutations to correspondents—

WILLIAM A. DAVIES,
Chairman.

We take the liberty of using the statistical table prepared by Comp. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, of Maine, as the best index of the growth of Royal Arch Masonry in the United States for the past year, together with the present membership.

"We are coming, Father McCANAN, two hundred thousand strong."

GRAND CHAPTERS.	Members.	Exaltations.	Admissions and Restorations.	Dismissions.	Expulsions.	Suspensions.	Suspended for Non-payment of Dues.	Deaths.
Alabama,	1,199	121	11	40	3	0	59	18
Arizona,	186	28	10	12	0	0	1	0
Arkansas,	2,068	171	57	48	3	0	109	44
California,	5,112	228	115	72	0	1	108	82
Canada,	4,634	673	176	120	0	...	*115	38
Colorado,	2,415	218	67	47	2	...	*58	30
Connecticut,	4,957	237	11	16	0	0	20	80
Delaware,	551	38	8	7	0	0	0	3
District of Columbia,	2,126	138	24	39	0	0	56	26
Florida,	564	43	12	15	0	...	*18	7
Georgia,	3,400	312	48	120	...	...	...	56
Illinois,	15,388	1,104	166	281	6	...	*244	183
Indiana,	6,315	341	89	145	7	7	65	87
Indian Territory,	411	85	13	13	0	...	*4	3
Iowa,	6,937	488	131	245	8	...	*184	98
Kansas,	4,947	376	72	155	3	...	*101	56
Kentucky,	2,671	275	47	89	9	...	*88	44
Louisiana,	867	103	18	3	1	...	*20	22
Maine,	5,528	323	25	109	1	0	41	79
Maryland,	1,512	110	9	26	0	...	*14	19
Massachusetts,	12,742	883	37	163	0	...	138	155
Michigan,	10,968	902	131	339	8	5	100	127
Minnesota,	4,329	333	51	81	0	1	70	48
Mississippi,	1,337	71	37	34	0	0	55	33
Missouri,	6,377	387	117	178	0	...	*121	93
Montana,	637	46	13	14	1	0	36	5
Nebraska,	2,905	242	84	92	2	...	*90	23
Nevada,	295	18	9	8	0	6	6	6
New Brunswick,	401	19	1	7	0	...	*2	5
New Hampshire,	3,114	147	145	25	2	0	13	38
New Jersey,	3,099	132	17	27	0	...	*41	32
New York,	18,344	1,392	262	233	2	...	*400	280
North Carolina,	725	61	12	20	1	2	49	11
North Dakota,	691	83	27	21	0	...	16	6
Nova Scotia,	561	86	2	20	0	...	*6	10
Ohio,	13,373	727	264	144	4	11	371	188
Oregon,	1,220	81	26	18	0	0	23	13
Pennsylvania,	14,772	1,182	116	177	...	...	*216	217
Quebec,	443	47	...	10	0	...	*16	6
Rhode Island,	2,275	140	5	7	0	0	8	23
South Carolina,	626	31	1	17	2	1	13	9
South Dakota,	1,500	140	16	48	0	...	*17	16
Tennessee,	2,624	187	49	66	0	1	40	39
Texas,	5,430	494	132	193	6	...	109	85
Vermont,	2,581	91	12	12	2	...	*4	31
Virginia,	2,310	282	44	133	0	2	45	28
Washington,	1,121	98	42	27	2	...	*11	13
West Virginia,	1,027	73	9	17	0	...	*23	15
Wisconsin,	5,251	336	65	79	1	...	*94	66
	192,875	14,123	2,835	3,812	78	37	3,438	2,596

*Including suspensions for U. M. C., and those stricken from the roll.

Which report was ordered to be printed with the proceedings of this Grand Convocation.

The Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following regular committees :—

On New Chapters :

Comp. Eli Tucker Blackmer,
 “ Frederick N Giles,
 “ Eliphalet Lewis Case,
 “ Morris Mehon,
 “ Benjamin Franklin Jellison.

On Grievances :

Comp. Joseph Bailey Cooke,
 “ Lewis Cass Wittenmyer,
 “ Eduard Keil,
 “ Alvah Russell Conklin,
 “ Jerome Bonaparte Richardson.

On By Laws :

Comp. Florin Leslie Jones,
 “ Edward Samuel Edwards,
 “ John Walter Boyd,
 “ Elias Delavan Gardner,
 “ Lucius Ely Felton.

On Returns :

Comp. Thomas Flint, Jr.,
 “ Marcus Dyathea Goshen,
 “ David Forney Beverage,
 “ William Preston Butcher,
 “ George Horace Knight.

On Pay of Delegates :

Comp. Theodore Edward Smith,
 “ William Brockman,
 “ August Wackerbarth,
 “ Walter Whittingham Lyman,
 “ Charles Fayette McGlashan.

On motion of Comp. WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, the election of Grand Officers was made the special order for three o'clock this afternoon.

The Grand Chapter was then called off until two o'clock this afternoon.

In Grand Chapter.

AFTERNOON SESSION,
 Tuesday, April 16, A. I. 2425. }

The Grand Chapter was called on at two o'clock, the Grand High Priest presiding.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the Special Committee to whom had been referred the Address of the Grand High Priest and the Report of the Grand Secretary, presented the following reports:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Your committee, to whom was referred the Address of the Grand High Priest, have given that paper such examination as the limited time at their disposal would permit. We approve the sterling Masonic sentiment advanced by the Grand High Priest in his treatment of the various interests of the Grand Chapter, and commend his zealous guardianship of the trust committed to his care during the past year.

We recommend the reference of the several subject matters contained in the address to the following committees :

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:—

So much of the Address as refers to the dissemination of spurious Masonry in this jurisdiction in violation of General Regulation No. 21 ;

So much as refers to the several special dispensations issued to *Stockton, Alturas, Kern Valley, Georgetown, Naval and Antioch* Chapters ;

So much under the head of decisions as refers to the amendment of certain By-Laws ;

Also the statement of facts presented by *Keystone* Chapter, No. 56, involving the right of a Past Grand High Priest to open a Chapter in the absence of the regular officers ;

And so much as refers to the condition of *Benicia* Chapter, No. 7.

To the Committee on New Chapters:—

So much of the Address as refers to *Pomona* Chapter, No. 76, and so much as refers to the dispensation to form and open a Chapter at Redlands, San Bernardino county.

To the Committee on By-Laws :

So much of the Address as refers to the amendments to By-Laws approved by the Grand High Priest and reported by the Grand Secretary.

We further recommend that so much of the address as refers to the death of those eminent companions, Past Grand High Priests CHARLES RAY GRITMAN, JOHN MILLS BROWNE and the lamented Past General Grand High Priest, JOHN FRIZZELL of Tennessee, together with his reference to those of our own kindred and brethren who have passed within the veils during the past year, and the loss of eminent companions by sister Grand Jurisdictions, of which we have received official notice, be referred to a special Memorial Committee to be appointed by the Grand High Priest.

In reporting his official acts the Grand High Priest expressed his approval of the results attained by the visitation of Chapters by Grand Officers. Your committee desire to endorse his approval, believing that the custom is productive of the best results. Your committee express the hope that the example of the Grand High Priest in this matter of visitation will be followed by his successor in office.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Your committee have examined the report of the Grand Secretary, and recommend that so much thereof as pertains to the finances of the Grand Chapter be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That so much of the report as refers to the condition of *Libanus* Chapter, No. 17, be referred to the Grand Secretary. That the Grand Chapter concur in the recommendations made in his report relating to that Chapter, and that he be authorized to act in the matter.

Your committee also recommend the adoption of a General Regulation authorizing the Grand Secretary to issue a duplicate charter or dispensation upon application, satisfactory proof having been received by him of the loss by fire, or otherwise, of the original charter or dispensation.

Your committee desire, at the close of our report, to continue the usual expressions of commendation for the efficient administration of the duties pertaining to the Grand Secretary's office by our venerable and efficient Comp. CASWELL.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM A. DAVIES, }
JACOB H. NEFF, } Committee.
EDWARD COLEMAN, }

Which reports were concurred in, the recommendations adopted, and the references made as recommended.

The Grand High Priest announced the following committee—

On Obituaries:..... { Comp. Milton Mills Myrick,
" Jacob Hart Neff,
" William Vanderhurst.

Comp. FLORIN LESLIE JONES, from the Committee on By-Laws, presented the following report:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Your Committee on By-Laws, having duly considered the matters referred to it, respectfully report:—

1. *Washington* Chapter, No. 13, relative to Treasurer's and Secretary's reports.
2. *St. James* Chapter, No. 16, changing time of meeting.
3. *Georgetown* Chapter, No. 25, changing time of meeting.
4. *Delta* Chapter, No. 27, reducing fees.
5. *Stockton* Chapter, No. 28, changing time of meeting.
6. *Stockton* Chapter, No. 28, reducing fees.
7. *Napa* Chapter, No. 30, reducing dues.
8. *Naval* Chapter, No. 35, reducing fees.
9. *Santa Cruz* Chapter, No. 38, reducing affiliation fees.
10. *Santa Cruz* Chapter, No. 38, providing for appointment of Committee on Finance.
11. *Donner* Chapter, No. 39, reducing fees.
12. *Corinthian* Chapter, No. 51, reducing fees.
13. *Signet* Chapter, No. 57, increasing dues.
14. *Riverside* Chapter, No. 67, changing time of meeting.

15. *Trigo* Chapter, No. 69, changing time of meeting.
16. *Pomona* Chapter, No. 76, changing time of meeting.
17. *Redlands* Chapter, U. D., adopting uniform code.

All the foregoing amendments being within the province of the several Chapters, and conflicting with no law or provision of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, and having been approved by the *M. E.* Grand High Priest, we recommend that his action be affirmed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

FLORIN LESLIE JONES, JOHN WALTER BOYD, LUCIUS ELY FELTON, EDWARD SAMUEL EDWARDS, ELIAS DELEVAN GARDNER,	}	Committee.
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Which report was concurred in.

Comp. THOMAS FLINT, Jr., from the Committee on Returns, presented the following report:—

To the *M. E.* Grand Chapter of California:—

Your Committee on Returns of the Subordinate Chapters beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and find that the returns from all the Chapters except two have been received by the Grand Secretary, accompanied by the dues in each case, and were, as a rule, correctly and neatly prepared.

The two Chapters above mentioned are *Benicia*, No. 7, from which no dues were received, and *Libanus*, No. 17, which failed to make any report, mention of which has already been made in the Address of the *M. E.* Grand High Priest and the Report of the Grand Secretary.

The amount of dues for which the several Chapters of the jurisdiction were indebted, are as follows:—

NAME.	Gen. Fund.	Rep. Fund.	Total.
<i>San Francisco</i> , No. 1,.....	\$107 00	\$214 00	\$321 00
<i>Sonora</i> , " 2,.....	9 25	18 50	27 75
<i>Sacramento</i> , " 3,.....	68 25	136 50	204 75
<i>California</i> , " 5,.....	136 00	272 00	408 00
<i>Nevada</i> , " 6,.....	15 00	30 00	45 00
<i>Benicia</i> , " 7,.....	.....	.....	.....
<i>Shasta</i> , " 9,.....	13 75	27 50	41 25
<i>Sutter</i> , " 11,.....	10 75	21 50	32 25
<i>Merced</i> , " 12,.....	10 50	21 00	31 50
<i>Washington</i> , " 13,.....	29 75	59 50	89 25
<i>Howard</i> , " 14,.....	34 25	68 50	102 75
<i>Cyrus</i> , " 15,.....	19 50	39 00	58 50
<i>Saint James</i> , " 16,.....	9 25	18 50	27 75
<i>Libanus</i> , " 17,.....	.....	.....	.....
<i>Grass Valley</i> , " 18,.....	20 00	40 00	60 00
<i>Trinity</i> , " 19,.....	6 50	13 00	19 50
<i>Franklin</i> , " 20,.....	17 00	34 00	51 00
<i>Merza</i> , " 21,.....	7 75	15 50	23 25
<i>Petaluma</i> , " 22,.....	15 00	30 00	45 00
<i>La Fayette</i> , " 24,.....	3 50	7 00	10 50
<i>Georgetown</i> , " 25,.....	6 00	12 00	18 00
<i>Della</i> , " 27,.....	8 00	16 00	24 00
<i>Stockton</i> , " 28,.....	22 50	45 00	67 50
<i>Manzanita</i> , " 29,.....	11 00	22 00	33 00

NAME		Gen. Fund.	Rep. Fund.	Total.
<i>Napa,</i>	No. 30,.....	\$ 10 75	\$ 21 50	\$ 32 25
<i>Martinez,</i>	" 31,.....	12 25	24 50	36 75
<i>Los Angeles,</i>	" 33,	15 75	31 50	47 25
<i>Alburas,</i>	" 34,.....	4 75	9 50	14 25
<i>Naval,</i>	" 35,.....	16 75	33 50	50 25
<i>Oakland,</i>	" 36,.....	55 25	110 50	165 75
<i>Siloam,</i>	" 37,.....	10 25	20 50	30 75
<i>Santa Cruz,</i>	" 38,.....	12 00	24 00	36 00
<i>Donner,</i>	" 39,.....	13 00	26 00	39 00
<i>Red Bluff,</i>	" 40,.....	16 75	33 50	50 25
<i>Temple,</i>	" 41,.....	10 00	20 00	30 00
<i>Chico,</i>	" 42,.....	17 50	35 00	52 50
<i>Solano,</i>	" 43,.....	15 25	30 50	45 75
<i>Visalia,</i>	" 44,.....	11 00	22 00	33 00
<i>Santa Rosa,</i>	" 45,.....	28 50	57 00	85 50
<i>Woodland,</i>	" 46,.....	11 25	22 50	33 75
<i>Lassen,</i>	" 47,.....	13 25	26 50	39 75
<i>Dixon,</i>	" 48,.....	13 50	27 00	40 50
<i>Modesto,</i>	" 49,.....	12 25	24 50	36 75
<i>Ventura,</i>	" 50,.....	13 50	27 00	40 50
<i>Cornithian,</i>	" 51,	11 00	22 00	33 00
<i>Humboldt,</i>	" 52,.....	29 75	59 50	89 25
<i>Ucliah,</i>	" 53,.....	23 75	47 50	71 25
<i>Keystone,</i>	" 56,.....	11 25	22 50	33 75
<i>Signet,</i>	" 57,.....	75 50	151 00	226 50
<i>Salinas,</i>	" 59,.....	20 25	40 50	60 75
<i>Cotusa,</i>	" 60,.....	8 00	16 00	24 00
<i>San Diego,</i>	" 61,.....	21 00	42 00	63 00
<i>San Luis,</i>	" 62,.....	20 25	40 50	60 75
<i>St. Helena,</i>	" 63,.....	7 5	15 00	22 50
<i>Acacia,</i>	" 64,.....	5 75	11 50	17 25
<i>Antioch,</i>	" 65,.....	6 50	13 00	19 50
<i>Doria,</i>	" 66,.....	12 00	24 00	36 00
<i>Riverside,</i>	" 67,.....	17 75	35 50	53 25
<i>Hollister,</i>	" 68,.....	9 50	19 00	28 50
<i>Trigo,</i>	" 69,	17 75	35 50	53 25
<i>Alameda,</i>	" 70,.....	13 75	27 50	41 25
<i>Tulare,</i>	" 71,.....	10 00	20 00	30 00
<i>Crown,</i>	" 72,.....	20 50	41 00	61 50
<i>Orange,</i>	" 73,.....	10 50	21 00	31 50
<i>Hanford,</i>	" 74,.....	8 25	16 50	24 75
<i>Kern Valley,</i>	" 75,.....	4 00	8 00	12 00
<i>Pomona,</i>	" 76,.....	8 00	16 00	24 00
<i>Redlands,</i>	U. D.,	9 00	18 00	27 00

Making a total of.....\$1275 50 \$2551 00 \$3826 50

Making total receipts for dues,.....\$3826 50

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS FLINT, Jr., GEO. H. KNIGHT, W. P. BUTCHER, D. F. BEVERIDGE, M. D. GOSHEN,	} Committee.
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Which report was concurred in.

The hour for the special order—the election of Grand Officers—having arrived, the Grand High Priest appointed Companions ROBERT ASH, GEORGE HENRY SMITH and EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES to act as tellers, and the election proceeded with the following result:—

The *M. E.* ADOLPHUS HEWEL was elected Grand High Priest ;
 The *R. E.* THOMAS FLINT, Sr., was elected Deputy Grand High Priest ;
 The *R. E.* WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE was elected Grand King ;
 The *R. E.* ELI TUCKER BLACKMER was elected Grand Scribe ;
 The *R. E.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY was elected Grand Treasurer ;
 The *R. E.* THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL was elected Grand Secretary.

On motion of Comp. JACOB HART NEFF, the installation of Grand Officers was made the special order for eleven o'clock to-morrow morning.

The Grand Chapter was then called off until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

In Grand Chapter.

MORNING SESSION,
 Wednesday, April 17th, A. I. 2425. }

The Grand Chapter was called on at ten o'clock, the Grand High Priest presiding.

After music by the choir, the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Comp. ELI TUCKER BLACKMER, from the Committee on New Chapters, presented the following report:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Your Committee on New Chapters have considered the several matters referred to them, and beg leave to present the following report:—

We have examined the petition for a dispensation to establish a new Chapter at Redlands, California, with the accompanying dimitts and other documents, and find them all in due form.

We therefore recommend that the granting of the dispensation be approved.

We have also examined the Book of Records, Roll Book, and Book of Marks of *Redlands* Chapter, U. D., and find them models of neatness and accuracy.

We find that this Chapter, since it was established in June, 1894, has conferred ninety-three degrees, and judging from the specimens of skill already exhibited, we entertain no doubt that the companions of *Redlands* Chapter, U. D., have received good and wholesome instruction.

We therefore recommend that the accompanying petition be approved, and a charter granted to *Redlands* Chapter, U. D.

In the matter of *Woodland* Chapter, we recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to issue a duplicate charter in lieu of the original, which was destroyed by fire.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ELI T. BLACKMER, FREDERICK N. GILES, ELIPHALET L. CASE, BENJAMIN F. JELLISON, MORRIS MEHON,	}	Committee.
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Which report was concurred in and the recommendations adopted.

Comp. THEODORE EDWARD SMITH, from the Committee on Pay of Delegates, presented the following report:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Your committee, to whom was referred the apportionment of the Representative Fund, having performed that duty, would recommend that the following amounts be allowed to the delegates of Chapters who were in attendance on the first day of the Convocation:—

Name and Number of Chapter.	No.	Dues to Rep. Fund.	When Represented.	Am't Allowed
<i>San Francisco,</i>	1.....	\$214 00....Paid.....	1st day.....	\$ 6 00
<i>Sonora,</i>	" 2.....	18 50....Paid.....	"	26 00
<i>Sacramento,</i>	" 3.....	186 50....Paid.....	"	11 00
<i>California,</i>	" 5.....	272 00....Paid.....	"	6 00
<i>Nevada,</i>	" 6.....	30 00....Paid.....	"	19 60
<i>Benicia,</i>	" 7.....	.....	.....	.....
<i>Shasta,</i>	" 9.....	27 50 ....Paid.....	1st day.....	21 80
<i>Sutter,</i>	" 11.....	21 50 ....Paid.....	"	17 00
<i>Merced,</i>	" 12.....	21 00 ....Paid.....	"	14 50
<i>Washington,</i>	" 13.....	59 50 ....Paid.....	"	13 50
<i>Howard,</i>	" 14.....	68 50 ....Paid.....	"	8 60
<i>Cyrus,</i>	" 15.....	39 00 ....Paid.....	"	31 10
<i>St. James,</i>	" 16.....	18 50 ....Paid.....	"	17 80
<i>Libanus,</i>	" 17.....	.....	.....	.....
<i>Grass Valley,</i>	" 18.....	40 00 ....Paid.....	1st day.....	18 60
<i>Trinity,</i>	" 19.....	13 00 ....	.....	.....
<i>Franklin,</i>	" 20.....	34 00 ....Paid.....	1st day.....	15 00
<i>Sierra,</i>	" 21.....	15 50 ....Paid.....	"	32 00
<i>Petaluma,</i>	" 22.....	30 00 ....Paid.....	"	8 00
<i>La Fayette.</i>	" 24.....	7 00 ....Paid.....	.....	.....

Name and Number of Chapter.	No.	Dues to Rep. Fund.	When Represented.	Am't Allowed.
<i>Georgetown,</i>	No. 25.....	\$12 00....Paid.....	1st day.....	\$18 20
<i>Delta,</i>	" 27.....	16 00 ....Paid.....	"	13 20
<i>Stockton,</i>	" 28.....	45 00 ....Paid.....	"	11 00
<i>Manzanita,</i>	" 29.....	22 00....Paid.....	"	23 60
<i>Napa,</i>	" 30.....	21 50....Paid.....	"	9 00
<i>Martinez,</i>	" 31.....	24 50....Paid.....	"	
<i>Los Angeles,</i>	" 33.....	31 50....Paid.....	"	36 00
<i>Alturas,</i>	" 34.....	9 50....Paid.....	.....
<i>Naval,</i>	" 35.....	33 50....Paid.....	1st day.....	8 00
<i>Oakland,</i>	" 36.....	110 50...Paid.....	"	6 00
<i>Siloam,</i>	" 37.....	20 50....Paid.....	"	15 10
<i>Santa Cruz,</i>	" 38.....	24 00....Paid.....	.....
<i>Donner,</i>	" 39.....	26 00....Paid.....	1st day.....	21 60
<i>Red Bluff,</i>	" 40.....	33 50....Paid.....	"	18 00
<i>Temple,</i>	" 41.....	20 00....Paid.....	"	11 60
<i>Ohio,</i>	" 42.....	35 00....Paid.....	"	16 80
<i>Solano,</i>	" 43.....	30 50....Paid.....	"	9 00
<i>Visalia,</i>	" 44.....	22 00 ....Paid.....	"	20 80
<i>Santa Rosa,</i>	" 45.....	57 00 ....Paid.....	"	9 00
<i>Woodland,</i>	" 46.....	23 50....Paid.....	.....
<i>Lassen,</i>	" 47.....	26 50....Paid.....	1st day.....	38 00
<i>Dixon,</i>	" 48.....	27 00....Paid.....	"	10 20
<i>Modesto,</i>	" 49.....	24 50....Paid.....	.....
<i>Ventura,</i>	" 50.....	27 00....Paid.....	1st day.....	36 00
<i>Corinthian,</i>	" 51.....	22 00....Paid.....	"	36 00
<i>Humboldt,</i>	" 52.....	59 50....Paid.....	"	26 00
<i>Ukiah,</i>	" 53.....	47 50....Paid.....	"	15 00
<i>Keystone,</i>	" 56.....	22 50....Paid.....	"	39 50
<i>Signet,</i>	" 57.....	151 00....Paid.....	"	36 00
<i>Salinas,</i>	" 59.....	40 50....Paid.....	"	12 50
<i>Cohua,</i>	" 60.....	16 00....Paid.....	"	15 50
<i>San Diego,</i>	" 61.....	42 00....Paid.....	1st day.....	48 00
<i>San Luis,</i>	" 62.....	40 50....Paid.....	"	21 80
<i>St. Helena,</i>	" 63.....	15 00....Paid.....	"	10 10
<i>Acacia,</i>	" 64.....	11 50....Paid.....	"	43 30
<i>Antioch,</i>	" 65.....	13 00....Paid.....	1st day.....	9 00
<i>Doric,</i>	" 66.....	24 00 ....Paid.....	.....
<i>Riverside,</i>	" 67.....	35 50....Paid.....	1st day.....	39 50
<i>Hollister,</i>	" 68.....	19 00....Paid.....	.....
<i>Trigo,</i>	" 69.....	35 50....Paid.....	1st day.....	17 80
<i>Alameda,</i>	" 70.....	27 50....Paid.....	.....
<i>Tulare,</i>	" 71.....	20 00....Paid.....	.....
<i>Crown,</i>	" 72.....	41 00 ....Paid.....	1st day.....	36 50
<i>Orange,</i>	" 73.....	21 00....Paid.....	"	38 10
<i>Hanford,</i>	" 74.....	16 50 ....Paid.....	"	19 80
<i>Kern Valley,</i>	" 75.....	8 00....Paid.....	"	24 20
<i>Pomona,</i>	" 76.....	16 00....Paid.....	"	38 00
<i>Redlands,</i>	U.D.....	18 00....Paid.....	"	40 10
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We also recommend that the following amounts be allowed to the Grand Officers in attendance, viz : to the—

Grand High Priest,.....	\$18 20	Grand Treasurer,.....	\$ 6 00
Deputy Grand High Priest,.....	12 20	Grand Chaplain,.....	13 50
Grand King,.....	11 30	Grand Captain of the Host,.....	46 00
Grand Scribe,.....	6 00	Grand Royal Arch Captain,.....	36 50
			<u>\$149 70</u>

Also to—

Chairman of Finance Committee,..	\$14 30	William Thomas Reynolds,.....	\$ 9 00
William Monroe Petrie,.....	14 00	Lewis Cass Wittenmyer,.....	11 00
Ianthis Jerome Rolfe,.....	22 60		<u>\$70 90</u>

RECAPITULATION :

Amount allowed to Grand Officers,.....	\$ 149 70
Amount allowed to Delegates,.....	1161 70
Amount allowed to members of the Finance Committee,.....	<u>70 90</u>

Total amount of allowance,.....\$1382 30

All which is respectfully submitted.

THEODORE EDWARD SMITH,	} Committee.
W. W. LYMAN,	
AUGUST WACKERBARTH,	
WM. BROCKMAN,	
C. A. MCGLASHAN,	

Which report was concurred in, and the several amounts were ordered paid as recommended.

Comp. JACOB HART NEFF presented the following resolution, which, on his motion, was adopted and made a General Regulation of the Grand Chapter, viz :—

Resolved, That whenever the charter or dispensation of any subordinate Chapter of this jurisdiction shall have been destroyed by fire, or otherwise, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, on satisfactory proof of such loss, to issue a duplicate charter or dispensation to such Chapter without charge.

Comp. THOMAS FLINT, Jr., from the Committee on Finances, presented the following report :—

To the M. . E. . Grand Chapter of California :—

Your Committee on Finances recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year, viz :—

Expenses of Delegates Convocation of 1895,...	\$1,161 70
“ “ Grand Officers,.....	149 70
“ “ Finance Committee,.....	70 90
Salary of Grand Secretary,.....	1,800 00
“ “ Organist,.....	25 00
“ “ Guard,	25 00

Printing and binding proceedings for 1895,.....	\$ 700 00
Contingent expenses of Grand Secretary,.....	200 00
Rent of Grand Secretary's office,.....	180 00
Expenses of Grand High Priest in visiting subordinate Chapters,...	200 00
Dues to General Grand Chapter,.....	51 32
Chairman Committee on Correspondence, 1895,.....	200 00
Total,.....	<u>\$4,763 62</u>

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. FLINT, Jr.,	} Committee.
WM. T. REYNOLDS,	
WM. M. PETRIE,	
I. J. ROLFE,	
L. C. WITTENMYER,	

Which report was concurred in, and the appropriations were ordered as recommended.

Comp. ALVAH RUSSELL CONKLIN, from the Committee on Grievances, presented the following report:—

To the M. . E. . Grand Chapter of California:—

Your Committee on Grievances have the pleasure of announcing that no business of any character has been referred to your committee for consideration, a certain indication that "peace and good will" and brotherly affection obtain throughout the jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH BAILEY COOKE,	} Committee.
ALVAH RUSSELL CONKLIN,	
LEWIS CASS WITTENMYER,	
JEROME B. RICHARDSON,	
EDUARD KEIL,	

Which report was concurred in.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the following report:—

To the M. . E. . Grand Chapter of California:—

This Grand Chapter, in the year 1887, enacted General Regulation 21, in which it is declared that any Royal Arch Mason who shall hereafter confer, communicate or sell, or be present at or assist in the conferring, communicating or selling, or solicit any one to take, receive or apply for any so-called Masonic Degree or Order of Knighthood in any assemblage of men, no matter by what name so ever it may be called, except it be held under the authority of one of the bodies hereinbefore acknowledged to be legitimate and genuine, shall be expelled from all the rights and privileges of a Royal Arch Mason.

That no question might arise as to the legitimacy of any Masonic Body or Order of Knighthood in the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, the said Regulation declares:—

“That this Grand Chapter acknowledges no Degree of Masonry or Order of Knighthood to be legitimate and genuine, except those conferred by or under the authority of the following regularly constituted Masonic Bodies of the United States of America, and those of corresponding rank in foreign countries, to-wit:—

“The Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons of the several States and Territories; the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and the Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons of the States and Territories; the General Grand Council of the United States, and the Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters of the States and Territories; the Grand Encampment of the United States, and the Grand Commanderies of Knights Templar of the States and Territories; the Supreme Councils of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions of the United States, of which HENRY L. PALMER and ALBERT PIKE are, respectively, Grand Commanders.”

The foregoing is a solemn declaration by this Grand Body, made after due deliberation, and gave ample notice to the dealers in clandestine wares that their evil transactions would be no longer tolerated by the Royal Arch Masons of California.

It has now become a question of duty, and neither the Grand Chapter, or any member thereof, should shirk a known duty. Hence, if a Mason is guilty of the introduction of discord among the Craft by the dissemination of counterfeit Masonry in our jurisdiction, he is amenable to, and should be punished by, the bodies affected by his unlawful acts.

Our Grand Chapter is directly affected by these unprincipled speculators. Chapters of its obedience are being trampled upon by the misrepresentations of lying mercenaries, whose solicitations are poured into the ears of Master Masons whose desire for rapid advancement outruns the discretion their Lodge teachings should have inculcated.

The disease is one that should no longer be trifled with, but should be met with a firm and decided application of the law in such cases provided.

For our own kindred and brethren, trial should be had, and, if found guilty, the law should be vindicated.

For the miserable disturber of our Masonic peace from abroad, some punishment should be devised in keeping with his offensive acts.

This matter was brought to the attention of this Grand Body at the session of 1892, and your committee, in answer to the question as to the duty of the High Priest of a Chapter having knowledge of the violation of a General Regulation of this Grand Chapter, said:—

“The High Priest, as the executive head of his Chapter, is especially charged with the care of its interests, and especially of its loyalty and integrity, and in the faithful discharge of his duty it follows that should the High Priest of a Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter become possessed of information of the violation of any one of the General Regulations, it would be his duty to prove such knowledge by causing the necessary charges to be preferred, that the Royal Arch Masons accused should have the opportunity of vindicating themselves from such grave charges.”

For some reason there seems to be, on the part of the Chapter most directly affected by the violation of this General Regulation, a reluctance to comply with the instructions of the Grand Chapter as set forth by the adoption of the report of this committee; therefore, in order to avoid the friction possibly consequent upon the neighborly relations of the parties interested, we recommend that the trial of all charges in relation to the violation of Regulation No. 21 be transferred to *Stockton* Chapter, No. 28, and the Grand High Priest is authorized to make the necessary appointments and arrangements for such trials upon the presentation to him of the necessary charges and specifications.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM A. DAVIES,	} Committee.
JACOB H. NEFF,	
WILLIAM VANDERHURST,	
HENRY H. KNAPP,	

Which report was concurred in, and the recommendations, after striking out "*Stockton*" as the place of trial, were adopted.

Comp. CHARLES E STONE presented the following resolution, which was adopted and made a General Regulation of Grand Chapter, viz:—

Resolved, That upon application of the High Priest of any Chapter in this jurisdiction to whom charges for the violation of the Constitution or General Regulations of the Grand Chapter have been presented, or of three members of such Chapter, the Grand High Priest may transfer the trial of the accused from the Chapter of which he is a member, or in the jurisdiction of which he may reside, to some other Chapter, to be named in his order of transfer whenever in his judgment such transfer is necessary or expedient.

The Grand High Priest elect announced the following appointments for the ensuing year, viz:—

Grand Chaplain,.....	Comp. CHARLES E STONE,..	..... of <i>Washington</i> , No. 13;
Grand Lecturer,	" THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, of <i>Nevada</i> ,	No. 6;
Grand Capt. of the Host, ..	" FLOREN LESLIE JONES,..... of <i>Crown</i> ,	No. 72;
Grand Royal Arch Capt., ..	" EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, .. of <i>Stockton</i> ,	No. 28;
Grand Organist,.....	" SAMUEL DAVID MAYER,..... of <i>California</i> ,	No. 5;
Grand Guard,.....	" JAMES OGLESBY,..... of <i>California</i> ,	No. 5.

The hour for the special order—the installation of Grand Officers—having arrived, the elected and appointed Grand Officers were severally installed in their respective stations by M. V. E. ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD, Past Grand High Priest, assisted by M. V. E. WILLIAM VANDERHURST, Past Grand High Priest, as Master of Ceremonies.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the following reports:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, in their examination of the reported condition of *Benicia* Chapter, No. 7, as detailed by the M. E. Grand High Priest in his Address, and from information given by companions resident in their immediate jurisdiction, are impressed with the serious necessity of some action in relation thereto ; but, hoping that a further and fuller investigation might result in the continuance upon our roll of this old and valued constituent, we recommend that the condition of *Benicia* Chapter, No. 7, be referred to the Grand High Priest, that a further and full investigation of its present condition, and the causes therefor, be had by him, to the end that, if possible, its life be preserved ; but if he finds such hoped for result impracticable, that he then arrest its charter and wind up its affairs.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence respectfully report that in the performance of their duty they have examined the dispensations issued by the Grand High Priest and the papers in connection therewith.

We find that all his acts have been in conformity with our regulations and duly authorized by law.

We accordingly recommend that his official acts in the performance of his duties as Grand High Priest, be approved.

WILLIAM A. DAVIES,	} Committee.
JACOB H. NEFF,	
EDWARD COLEMAN,	

Which reports were concurred in.

On motion of Comp. JACOB HART NEFF, M. E. ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD was requested to sit for his portrait, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to have it placed in the portrait gallery of the Grand Chapter.

Comp. MILTON HILLS MYRIOK, from the Special Committee on Obituaries, presented the following report :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :

Your committee appointed to make report regarding the deaths of M. E. CHARLES RAY GRITMAN, who died May 14, 1894, Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, and M. E. JOHN MILLS BROWNE, who died December 7, 1894, Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, beg to make the following report :

The M. E. the Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, in his Annual Address to this Grand Body, has most felicitously placed upon record a brief history of the lives and characters of these distinguished men and Masons. He has placed before us sketches of their lives as civilians, with statements of the performance of duty in other ways. He has also given us outlines of their careers as Masons. Your committee cannot add to the force and completeness of the record thus made. We can but ask the concurrence of this Grand Body in the high estimation thus expressed of these worthy and indeed Most Excellent companions.

Well born and well bred, they early entered upon the active duties of life; those duties were performed with credit to themselves and to their surroundings. Each early entered our Order, and each attained high honor therein. Our personal association with them as men and as Masons was always with satisfaction to us. They not only attached us to them in friendly relations, but they possessed our respect and esteem.

Therefore, we ask that it be by this Grand Chapter

Resolved, That while, by the deaths of our Past Grand High Priests, JOHN MILLS BROWNE and CHARLES RAY GRITMAN, our Order and the community have been made to sustain great loss, yet their characters and lives remain with us imperishable records of true manhood. We point to those characters and those lives as an exemplification of the principles of our Order, truth in the relations of life, uprightness of deportment and personal integrity.

Resolved, That in the published proceedings a page be given to each of these companions as a perpetual memorial of our affection and esteem.

All which is respectfully submitted.

MILTON HILLS MYRICK,
JACOB HART NEFF,
WILLIAM VANDERHURST, } *Committee.*

Which report was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees for the ensuing year, viz:—

<i>On Jurisprudence:</i>	<i>On Finances:</i>
Comp. William Abraham Davies,	Comp. Thomas Flint, Jr.,
“ Jacob Hart Neff,	“ William Monroe Petrie,
“ Henry Hay Knapp,	“ Ianthis Jerome Rolfe,
“ William Vanderhurst,	“ William Thomas Reynolds,
“ Milton Hills Myrick.	“ Lewis Cass Wittenmyer.

On Correspondence:

Comp. William Abraham Davies,
“ John Gould Bisbee,
“ Robert Ash,
“ Eduard Keil,
“ William Brockman.

The business of the Grand Chapter being all completed, the minutes of the day were read and approved, and the Grand Chapter of California was closed in *Ample Form*.

ADOLPHUS HEWEL,
Grand High Priest.

Attest:

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,
Grand Secretary.

This Mourning Page,

BY ORDER OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA,

IS GIVEN TO THE MEMORY OF

M.: E.: John Mills Browne

Who was born in the Town of Hinsdale, State of New Hampshire,

On the tenth day of May, 1831,

And who died in Washington, District of Columbia,

On the seventh day of December, 1894.

HE HAD BEEN

Master of Naval Lodge, No. 87, F. & A. M.;

High Priest of Naval Chapter, No. 35, R. A. M.;

Venerable Master of Naval Lodge of Perfection, A. & A. S. R.;

Grand Master of the Grand Consistory of California;

Treasurer General of the Supreme Council 33° for Southern
Jurisdiction of the United States;

Grand Master of Masons of California for four years;

AND

Grand High Priest

Of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California.



"Forget not the dead, who have loved, who have left us,
Who bend o'er us now from their bright home above;
But believe, never doubt, that the God who bereft us
Permits them to mingle with friends they still love.

"Forget not the dead, who are evermore nigh us,
Still floating sometimes 'round our dream-haunted bed;
In the loneliest hour, in the crowd they are nigh us,
Forget not the dead, oh, forget not the dead."

9. No petition for the degrees, or application for membership, shall be received by any Chapter within this jurisdiction, unless it be signed with the full name or names of the petitioner or applicant; and in the annual reports of subordinate Chapters, the given name or names of every member or others upon their rolls, shall be given in full.

10. The provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of California shall be, in all essential respects, where there is no conflict between it and the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, the rules and regulations by which the action of the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction shall be governed.

11. That the use of substitutes shall not be permitted for purposes of rapid advancement, or for accommodation merely, but only when the Council of the Chapter, in the exercise of a sound discretion, shall be satisfied that the good of Royal Arch Masonry will be promoted thereby.

12. That the use of more than one substitute at a time is prohibited, unless the dispensation of the Grand High Priest, permitting such use, be first procured; said dispensation to be issued only for good cause shown, and upon a petition signed by a majority of the Council of the Chapter asking such dispensation.

13. The limit of physical qualifications to be required of a candidate for the degrees conferred by a Royal Arch Chapter under this jurisdiction, shall be, simply, that he be enabled to conform strictly to all which the ritual in those degrees makes necessary.

14. That the restoration to good standing by a Lodge of any companion who has been suspended by it for any cause, and where no action has been had in the case directly by the Chapter, restores him to good standing in the Chapter.

15. From and after the first day of September, 1874, no High Priest of a Chapter under this jurisdiction shall be installed, unless he shall present to the installing officer a certificate from the Grand Lecturer, or some companion known by the Grand Lecturer to be skilled in the work, that he is qualified to properly confer all the Chapter degrees and deliver the lectures thereunto appertaining; and the installing officer shall forward such certificate to the Grand Secretary.

16. That there is no power vested in the Grand High Priest to grant a dispensation to re-ballot on the application of a rejected candidate, that matter being wholly within the province of the Chapter in which he was rejected. (See Sec. 1, Art. XVII, of the Constitution.)

The following is the course of procedure recommended:—

First. That notice in writing be given in stated meeting that the petition of the rejected applicant would be presented at the next regular meeting of the Chapter.

Second. Upon the reading of such notice, the High Priest shall direct the Secretary to notify each and every member of the Chapter of such intended application, and request his presence to vote upon the consideration of the same.

Third. At such subsequent meeting, on a motion formally made to re-submit the petition, if the vote be *unanimous* in favor thereof, the petition can be again received and referred, the same as if no previous action had been taken.

17. That the Chapters subordinate to the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California, be directed to require of all visitors for examination from other jurisdictions, prior to admission, a declaration in the following words: "I do not stand suspended or expelled for any cause whatever; neither has my name been stricken from the roll of members for non-payment of dues in my Lodge of Master Masons, or my Chapter of Royal Arch Masons."

18. That it shall be the imperative duty of every Chapter in this jurisdiction, before it shall confer the Royal Arch degree upon any candidate, to require of said candidate a compliance with Regulation No. 3, relative to the selection and recording of his mark.

19. That no Chapter under dispensation in this jurisdiction shall receive a charter unless all the requirements of this Grand Chapter shall have been complied with and such Chapter is free from debt.

20. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of every Chapter in this jurisdiction to report to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter, immediately, all rejections, suspensions, exclusions, expulsions and restorations that may take place in their several Chapters; and it is hereby made the duty of the Grand Secretary to report to the several Chapters of the jurisdiction, every six months, all such rejections, suspensions, exclusions, expulsions and restorations so reported to him.

21. This Grand Chapter acknowledges no degree of Masonry or order of Knighthood to be legitimate and genuine except those conferred by, or under the authority of, the following regularly constituted Masonic bodies of the United States of America, and those of corresponding rank in foreign countries, to wit:

The Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons of the several States and Territories; the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, and the Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons of the States and Territories; the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States, and the Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters of the States and Territories; the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States and the Grand Commanderies of the States and Territories; the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, of which ALBERT PIKE is Grand Commander; and the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, of which HENRY L. PALMER is Grand Commander.

It is hereby declared that any Royal Arch Mason who shall hereafter take or receive any so-called Masonic degree or order of Knighthood from any man or body of men not hereinbefore acknowledged to be legitimate and genuine, shall be liable to be expelled from all the rights and privileges of a Royal Arch Mason.

It is hereby further declared that any Royal Arch Mason who shall hereafter confer, communicate or sell, or be present at or assist in the conferring, communicating or selling, or solicit any one to take, receive or apply for any so-called Masonic degree or order of Knighthood, in any assemblage of men, no matter by what name soever it may be called, except it be held under the authority of one of the bodies hereinbefore acknowledged to be legitimate and genuine, shall be expelled from all the rights and privileges of a Royal Arch Mason.

22. It shall be the duty of every Royal Arch Mason to be a member of some Chapter; and every non-affiliated Royal Arch Mason who, having resided six months within this State, shall neglect to make application for membership to some Chapter therein, shall be deemed to occupy the same position as those suspended for non-payment of dues, and shall not be entitled to, nor be the recipient of, any of the rights, privileges or benefits of Capitular Masonry.

Non-affiliated Royal Arch Masons who occupy the position referred to in the preceding section, and who desire to restore themselves by affiliation, may do so upon payment of a sum equivalent to six months' dues of the Chapter to which they shall apply, in addition to the affiliation fee, if any, required by its by-laws.

23. That the *M. E.* Grand High Priest withhold his approval from all amendments to By-Laws of Chapters, unless the certificate shows that the amendment had received a two-thirds vote of the members present; that notice of such amendment had been given at the meeting preceding that on which the vote was taken; said certificate to be signed by the Secretary and authenticated by the seal of the Chapter.

24. That at all future Convocations of this Grand Chapter, no member thereof shall receive his per diem and transportation expenses from the Representative Fund until such Convocation shall have been regularly closed.

25. That whenever the charter or dispensation of any subordinate Chapter of this jurisdiction shall have been destroyed by fire, or otherwise, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, on satisfactory proof of such loss, to issue a duplicate charter or dispensation to such Chapter without charge.

26. That upon the application of the High Priest of any Chapter in this jurisdiction to whom charges for the violation of the Constitution or General Regulations of the Grand Chapter have been presented, or of three members of such Chapter, the Grand High Priest may transfer the trial of the accused from the Chapter of which he is a member, or in the jurisdiction of which he may reside, to some other Chapter, to be named in his order of transfer whenever in his judgment such transfer is necessary or expedient.

RULES OF ORDER

OF THE

Grand Chapter of California.



RULE 1. When the Grand Chapter shall have assembled, the Grand Secretary shall call the roll of its members, and if a sufficient number of Chapters are represented, the Grand Chapter shall be opened. The Grand High Priest shall then appoint a Committee on Credentials, and no further business shall be transacted until after its report shall have been received.

RULE 2. After the reception of the Report on Credentials, the proceedings of the preceding Convocation shall be read by the Grand Secretary, unless their reading be dispensed with; the Address of the Grand High Priest, and the reports of the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, shall be presented, and appropriately referred, in the order here named; and the Grand High Priest shall appoint the regular committees, to whom all papers then in the hands of the Grand Secretary, requiring such reference, shall be at once referred. The Committee on Correspondence shall then present its annual report.

RULE 3. After the business of the Convocation is thus begun, the regular order for each session, during its continuance, shall be as follows:

1. Reading of the minutes of the last session.
2. Report of the Committee on Credentials.
3. Reception and action upon, or reference of, petitions, memorials and appeals.
4. Reports of Regular and Special Committees, and action thereupon.
5. Motions, resolutions, and other business.

RULE 4. All reports submitted, all petitions, memorials, or appeals presented, and all orders, motions, or resolutions, shall be in writing, and shall be read by the Grand Secretary, before any action is taken thereupon.

RULE 5. No motion to reconsider shall be entertained, unless made during the same session when the question proposed to be reconsidered was decided, nor unless such motion be made by one who voted with the majority upon that question.

RULE 6. When a day and hour shall have been named for the election of Grand Officers, such election shall, at that time, take precedence of all other business, unless the Grand Chapter, by a two-thirds vote, shall otherwise direct.

RULE 7. These rules shall only be suspended by unanimous consent, but may at any time be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RETURNS

OF THE

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER of CALIFORNIA

A. I. 2425.

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER, No. 1.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS:

William Edmund Price, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Curtis Holbrook Lindley, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Ludwig Mathias Hoeffler, <i>King</i> ,	Benj. Loring Hesseltine, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Phillip D Code, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Moses Edmond Rountree, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Benjamin Harris, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Phillip Cohen, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Henry Gilman Prince, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Angus Adolphus Gilmour, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
James Francis Logan, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Edward Gilberts, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Louis Cohn,	Edward Taylor Anthony,	Milton Sidney Eisner,
Martin John Burke,	Isaac Philanson Kincaid,	William Harvey Edwards,
Milt'nHills Myrick, P.G.H.P.	Charles Albert Warren,	William Henry Davis,
Stewart Menzies,	James Wright Anderson,	Charles James King,
Theodore Edward Smith,	Moubray Robert Dundas,	David Charles Smith.
Samuel Sternheim,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adams, Adolph	Arnold, Cyrus Mills	Bauman, Sigmund
Adelstein, Samuel	Arnold, Louis Edgar	Bayle, John
Affolton, Joseph	Aschheim, Iernel Julius	Bennett, George Wash'ton
Allen, George Preston	Ashford, Parker John	Bennett, James Henry
Allen, Isaac Patton	Backus, Samuel Woolsey	Berton, Flavien
Allenberg, Charles	Baden, Samuel	Bethel, Thomas Waldron
Altshuler, Levi	Barker, Charles Alphonso	Bingham, Henry Walker
Andrews, Abram	Bass, Thomas Jefferson	Blumenberg, Samuel Purdy
Arner, Andrew Milton	Bassett, Charles Fallen	Boettcher, Paul
Armstrong, Rudolph	Baum, Simon	Boole, George

Bornstein, Morris Sello	Curry, John	Frank, Emanuel Max
Bowman, John Sohmerl	Cutting, John Tyler	Fraser, John P
Boyd, Colin Macnicol	Danforth, Edward Putnam	Fried, Ignatius S
Brandenstein, Meyer	Danforth, Edwin	Fuller, Andrew Henry
Browell, Jeremiah	Darling, George Louis	Furman, Henry Matthew
Brown, Andrew	Davis, Charles Lott	Gallagher, John Patrick
Brown, David Palmer	Davis, Henry H	Garrett, James Hylan
Brown, George Watson	Davis, Henry Laurens	Getz, Bernhard
Brown, James Henry	Davis, John Warner	Getz, Joseph
Brown, Thomas Henry	Day, Robert	Getz, Louis
Bruce, William Young	Decourtieux, Amand X. Jr.	Getz, Marcus
Brunt, Walter Neat	Deuprey, Eugene Nelson	Getz, Solomon
Bryan, Charles Henry	Deveny, Peter	Gibson, Frederick Herbert
Bull, Franklin Pettingill	Dimond, William Henry	Gilmore, John Henry
Bultmann, John Henry	Dinkelspeil, Joseph Samuel	Goldberg, Jacob
Bunker, Charles Dimmock	Doane, John Osborne	Goldstein, Simon
Bunker, Henry Chase	Doane, Micah	Gordon, James Edward
Burns, Henry Jameson	Doolittle, Jefferson Ely	Goyetti, Joseph
Oahen, Solomon	Dore, Benjamin	Graham, George Davis
Cahill, Patrick	Dorn, Gus Emil	Graham, Irvine
Cameron, John William	Douglass, George Willard	Grant, Isaac
Campe, Harry Magnes	Dow, Cyrus Clinton	Green, Adam Treadwell
Canney, Albert Sidney	Downs, John	Greenhood, Hugo Oscar
Carrick, James Ross	Dragomanovich, Spiro S G	Gutman, Alexander
Cartan, Francis Matthew	Drucker, August	Haas, George
Casassa, Charles Henry	Duff, Thomas Caron	Halstead, William Augustus
Chase, Charles Metaphor	Dunn, John	Hamilton, Robert
Christensen, Andrew	Dunne, James Patrick	Hammond, Philip
Christensen, James Petit	Dusenberry, Louis	Hansen, Frederick Ludwig
Christensen, Martin Aug. C.	Eager, Thomas	Harpat, John
Christiansen, Ernst Wm. C.	Edwards, Edward	Harris, Elias
Clark, George Dickson	Edwards, Henry	Harris, Marcus
Classen, Adolph Fred. Anton	Edwards, James Wash'ton	Hart, Isaac
Clawson, Leonard Edward	Einstein, Morris	Hartje, John Herman Fred'k
Clingman, George Evans	Eisenberg, Isidor	Hartley, John Davis
Cluff, Thomas McRea	Elfelt, Joseph	Hayes, George Walfred
Cluff, William	Elliott, William	Hayward, Lewis Augustus
Clunie, Thomas Jefferson	Emerson, John Augustus	Heineman, Max M
Ooblentz, Felix	Empey, William Fletcher	Hiestler, Amos Calvin
Oode, James Arthur	Eppinger, Jacob	Herspring, Joseph
Cohen, Joseph	Esberg, Mendel	Hewson, James
Cohen, Simon	Fairchild, John Anthony	Heyman, Gustavus
Cohn, Gabriel	Falk, Morris	Heyneman, Herman
Connelly, James Edward	Falkenstein, Henry	Hilman, John Reuben
Conrad, John George	Farrell, William	Holje, Martin
Copeland, William Glen	Faulkner, Richard Douglass	Hollub, Samuel Simon
Couper, Auguste	Fisher, Henry	Hooper, William Burchell
Cressy, Albert	Fisher, Henry James	Hornblower, Fred'k Aug.
Crocker, Henry Joseph	Fisher, Oscar	Hromada, Adolph
Cronan, William	Fogel, George	Huff, Abram
Crowley, Timothy Jay	Fontana, Mark John	Hughes, Edward Calvin
Culver, James Henry	Footman, Samuel	Humphreys, George

Humphrey, Omar James	Lusk, Albert	Penlington, George
Ickelheimer, Samuel	Madison, James	Perine, George Mairs
Irvine, Alexander	Maguire, Thomas Frank	Peterson, John Cigord
Iverson, Niels	Makins, James Nicholas	Phillips, Wm. Armstrong
Jacobs, Isidor	Mauheim, Henry Simon	Piper, Arthur Leroy
Jennings, Charles Brooks	Markewitz, August	Plouf, John Eli
Jennings, Edward	Marks, Jesse Emanuel	Polastri, Richard Stephen
Johnson, James Halvor	Marks, Marcus	Pomin, George Joachim
Johnson, John Charles	Martin, Henry Sebastian	Porter, Abel Willard
Jones, George Edward	Marvin, Frank William	Posener, Max
Jones, Martin	Mayers, Solomon Julius	Rahlmann, Harry Frederick
Jones, William	McCann, Richard	Redmond, Michael Francis
Juda, Morris	McCormick, William	Reinhart, Benedict
Kartschoke, Gustav	McDonald, John Weir	Rice, Harvey Wood
Katz, Charles	McDonald, Robert	Richards, Charles Wesley
Keefer, Windsor Atchinson	McElroy, Andrew	Richards, Charles West, Jr.
Kenitzer, Henry	McGregor, Archibald Hend.	Riley, John Francis
Kennedy, Joseph	McKay, John Henry	Robbins, Frederick Averill
Kerr, David	McKellips, Daniel Martin	Robinson, Cornel's Preston
Keyer, John	McKenna, Thomas Dillon	Robinson, Henry Cooke
Kirkpatrick, Thomas	McLaughlin, Alexander	Romaine, Nicholas Theod'e
Kispert, Charles Frank	McLea, Arthur	Rosenblatt, Arthur Stern
Kohn, Isaack	McNab, James	Rosenstein, Fritz
Kroscher, Hugo Julius	Mead, Lewis Risdon	Rosenstock, Samuel Wolf
Lachman, Albert	Merx, Emil Otto Herman	Rountree, James
Ladagnous, Justin	Metzger, Leo	Rothschild, Joseph
Lande, Edward	Michaels, Abraham	Rowley, Brainard Nathan
Lauden, Martin Kuttner	Miles, William Emmert	Sabatie, Philippe Gabriel
Lengfield, Abraham Lewis	Miner, William Henry	Sachs, Lippman
Lett, Walter Ralph	Mohrhardt, Philip Fred'k	Sahlein, Moses
Levie, Isidor	Moore, Charles Parker	Samuels, David
Leviston, George	Moraghan, Michael Bolan	Sanborn, Albion Irving
Levy, Felix Nathan	Morehouse, Christ'phr Col.	Savage, Wm. Cunningham
Levy, Jacob	Morshead, John White	Scheerer, Joseph
Levy, Joseph	Myrson, Simon	Schonfeld, Jacob
Levy, Mark Washington	Nagle, Peter Buck	Schweitzer, Jakob
Levy, Morris Bernhard	Naphtaly, Joseph	Schweitzer, Morris
Levy, Solomon	Neuberger, Gustav	Scott, Albert Woodburn
Levy, Sylvain Samuel	Neuhaus, Christian Henry F.	Scott, Henry Wilson
Lewellyn, Reese	Newbauer, Herman Wolf	Seiler, Paul
Lewis, William	Nickol, Lorenz	Shainwald, Herman
Lezinsky, George	Nicolaysen, Frank	Shaw, George Thomas
Lillie, William Henry	Nolting, Edward Adolph	Sheets, Oliver Hazzard Perry
Littlefield, Joseph Hight	Noonan, Lawrence Edward	Sibley, Levi Butler
Loane, Francis Marion	O'Connor, Cornelius	Simmons, Morris Joseph
Lopresti, Anthony	O'Connor, Edward Arthur	Simon, Joseph
Loupy, John	O'Connor, Joseph	Simpson, Thomas Benjamin
Loupy, Noel Paul	Oliver, Edward	Smith, Charles Ward
Lowe, Julius Williams	Osborn, Corra Mahlon	Smith, Clarence Mark
Lucas, Robert Hume	Patterson, George Wm. Hill	Smith, Henry
Luchsinger, John Jacob	Pierce, Charles Vincent	Solomon, Simon
Ludwig, Ernst Hubert	Peixotto, Edgar Davis	Somervell, Wm. Somervell

Soper, Henry Joseph	Titus, William Henry Frank	White, Robert Frank
Spaulding, James Garfield	Todd, David Byron	White, Thomas Benton
Speier, Bernard	Triest, Bernhard	Williams, Daniel A
Sperling, Frank	Troppmann, Charles Martin	Williams, Henry
Speyer, Walter Morris	True, Charles Shaw	Williams, Oscar
Sresovich, Luke George	Turpin, Frederick Light	Williamson, Henry
Stern, Louis	Tyson, James	Wilson, Frederick Green
Stern, Sigmund	Tyson, Robert James	Wilson, John
Still, William	Umbesen, Gustav Henry	Wilson, John N E
Stockwell, James Henry	Van Sicklen, F'd Wetherbee	Wilson, Marion Allen
Storn, Matthew Drysdale	Vogel, Edward John	Wilson, Russell Jones
Sunderhous, Geo. Henry O.	Von Wefelsburg, A. Barack	Winter, John Frederick
Sussman, Samuel	Von Werthern, Joseph	Wise, John Henry
Sweet, Solomon	Wagner, Jacob	Woerme, Emil
Swift, Samuel	Waldron, John Terry	Wolf, Jacob William
Taber, Charles Wesley	Wankowski, William	Wolf, Simon
Taylor, Samuel Johnson	Warner, Wm. John Bagley	Wormser, Louis
Terry, John Colman	Welch, Willard Choate, Jr.	Walzen, Diedrich Heinrich
Thornton, William Mynn	Wetjen, Cord	Young, John Shaw—428.
Tilton, Charles Stephen		

PAST MASTER:

Dow, Hezekiah—1.

RESTORED:

Clawson, Leonard Edwin—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Mack, Adolph	Sawyer, Ebenezer Davis	Weyl, Bernardo—4.
Penhallow, Deblois Pearce		

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Armstrong, Herbert Guy	Bamberger, Sigmund Simon	Ferris, Crawford
Baldwin, James Waterman	Culp, Daniel Sanford	Young, William—6.

EXCLUDED:

Antisell, Wm. Christopher	Korta, George Daniel	Wangenheim, Henry—5.
Callundau, Fred'k Patterson	Quinn, John Claude	

DIED:

Classen, Frederick Harry	Fenn, John Henry	Roberts, John Charles
Daneri, Antonio	Grant, John Thomas	Tubman, William—7.
Ewen, Oliver		

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	434	Withdrawn.....	4
Exalted.....	11	Susp. for non-paym't of dues ...	6
Restored.....	1	Excluded.....	5
Affiliated.....	4—450.	Died.....	7
		Now borne upon the roll... ..	428—450.

SONORA CHAPTER, No. 2**Sonora, Tuolumne County.***Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Eduard Kell, <i>High Priest,</i>	Alonzo Colby, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Frank Wilson Street, <i>King,</i>	James Edgar Requa, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Henry Clay Calhoun, <i>Scribe,</i>	Archibald Patterson, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
John Mundorf, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Charles Edward Street, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Thomas Arthur Stiles Hender, <i>Secretary,</i>	Charles Henry Burden, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Edwin Aldrich Rodgers, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Abraham Barlow, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Stephen Wing, <i>P. G. K.,</i>	Solomon Benas,	William Giles Long,
Edwin Aldrich Rodgers,	Alonzo Colby,	Eduard Kell.
James Bell,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bacon, Martin	Johnson, Andrew Porter	Parsons, Edmond
Brown, Gurdon	Lang, Charles Edward	Sharwood, William
Collins, John	Leon, Samuel	Vial, John
Cooley, John	Long, Wilber	Wade, Charles Frederick
Foesterling, Louis, Jr.	Mathews, James	Wells, Thomas Washington
Hale, George Webb	Mitchell, Frederick Francis	West, John Henry
Hampton, Joseph Moore	Nicoll, George Woodburn	Yancey, Tryon Milton—37.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Divoll, James George—1.

DIED:

Rudorff, William Gustav—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....39	Susp. for non-paym't of dues..... 1
	Died..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll.....37—39.

SACRAMENTO CHAPTER, No. 3.**Sacramento, Sacramento County.***Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

John Walter Boyd, <i>High Priest,</i>	Wm. Elias John Baughman, <i>Pr. Sojourner,</i>
Louis Cyrus Schindler, <i>King,</i>	Charles Richard Goss, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
Abram John Vermilya, <i>Scribe,</i>	David Harris, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Edward Lyon, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Cephas Charles Olney, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Edwin Glover, <i>Secretary,</i>	Thomas Ferriter, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
George Dunn, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	George Frederick Bronner, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Powell Samuel Lawson,	Cornelius Kellogg,	Richard Palmer Barr,
Wm. Mon. Petrie, <i>P.G.H.P.</i> ,	Joseph Davey,	Jacob Hyman, Jr.,
Wm. B'kley Davis, <i>P.G.H.P.</i> ,	Alexander John Gardiner,	John Hurley,
Charles Mortimer Cogan,	Rufus Burnham Harmon,	Frank Lytle Thirkield,
Alfred Augustus Redington,	John William Rock,	Thos. Maria Bittancourt

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Abbott, Augustus	Crofton, John	Gregory, Eugene Julius
Adams, Oliver Miller	Croly, Edward James	Gregory, Frank
Alexander, Benj. Franklin	Crouch, Eugene Ackley	Griffiths, John T
Allen, John Francis	Cunningham, John Austin	Gruhler, John
Alltucker, Henry	Curtis, Nathaniel Greene	Guthrie, John William
Andrews, Adam	Dale, Richard	Hale, Evert Wilburn
Andrews, John Nichols	Davis, Jacob Zeigler	Hale, Marshal, Jr.
Atkinson, Edmund Clement	Davis, James Gilliland	Hale, Prentiss Cobb
Baldwin, William Hedges	Davis, William Hewson	Hall, Thomas Bertram
Ball, Charles Henry	Decker, Horace Washing'n	Halsey, David Crane
Barrett, Isaac Thomas	Denney, Alphonse	Hamilton, William Brown
Bassett, William Walter	Denson, Samuel Crawford	Hammer, Mosheim Schm'r
Bergevin, Nelson Langevin	Dierssen, Geo. Ernest Aug't	Harper, Thomas
Bliss, Sydney	Dixon, William Henry	Haskell, Dudley Haines
Block, Morris	Domingos, John	Haskins, John
Bragg, Henry William	Dresher, Valentine	Hatch, James Darrow
Braun, August	Drew, Nathaniel Lafayette	Hatch, Wilbur Marck
Breuner, John	Dwyer, Michael	Hawk, Elbridge Lafayette
Breuner, Louis Frederick	Ecklon, Christian Ludwig	Hawkins, William
Briggs, William Ellery	Eilers, Theodore George	Heilbron, Adolph
Bugbey, Benjamin Norton	Farr, David	Heilbron, Henry August
Bumps, George Henry	Fay, Newton Murray	Heintzelman, Taylor Wash.
Burchard, James Philo	Filmore, Jerome Adolphus	Heisen, Charles, Jr.
Burnett, Augustus	Fleming, Frank	Herzog, Philip
Burnham, James Henry	Flye, Charles Eben	Hevener, William Henry
Butler, Stephen William	Forbes, Robert	Hickey, William Edward
Calderswood, Job Francis	Foster, James Stewart	Hoag, William Moffet
Carrier, William James	Fox, Thomas	Hollister, Dwight
Carroll, Edgar Barclay	Foye, Wm. Robinson Smith	Holmes, Henry T
Carroll, Harry Winans	Frank, Samuel	Hoover, Benjamin Vanzandt
Caswell, William Averill	Fraser, Henry Carpenter	Hopkins, Edwin Oarml
Champlin, Nelson	Frommelt, Hugo	Howell, Sydney Algernon
Chapman, Bernard Henry	Gallatin, Albert	Hubbard, Cyrus Hayden
Chapman, George Warren	Gardner, Charles Francis	Hubbs, Anthony
Chrisman, Elmer Judson	George, Wilbur Forest	Huggins, Henri Tyler
Christy, Edward	Gerber, William Emil	Hull, Joseph
Church, William Smithers	Gerson, Samuel	Hyman, Daniel
Clark, Jerome Franklin	Gett, William Andrew, Jr.	Hyman, Jacob, Sr.
Cohn, Edward Francis	Gilbert, Ethan Allen	Ingham, Harry
Coleman, Timothy	Gillis, Dugald	Inwalle, John Joseph
Conoway, George Winfield	Gottlieb, Samuel	Irvine, Richard Cutrer
Cook, Hiram	Graham, Louis Edgar	Irvine, William John
Cooledge, Isaac Baldwin	Gray, Alexander Isaac	Jackson, William Franklin
Coppersmith, Michael Thos.	Gray, Arthur Irvine	Johnson, Hiram Warren
Cothrin, William Kip	Greene, Peter B	Johnson, Julian Workman
Crocker, Henry Smith	Gregg, George	Johnston, William

Jones, William Rowland	Odell, Merrill Francis	Steinman, Bernhard Ulmer
Just, John Peter	Olsen, Jens Romeo	Steinmeyer, Fred'k Wilhelm
Ketchum, Marvin Alonzo	O'Neil, James	Stevens, Charles Henry
Knights, William Durrant	Ottman, Gilbert Almon	Stevenson, Henry Llewellyn
Knights, William Rudd	Pacheco, Romualdo	Stober, Frederick Conrad
Lambert, Frank Ellis	Payne, Jeremiah Newton	Stoll, Benjamin Franklin
Lavenson, Samuel	Peck, Nelson Stanley	Strader, Harvey Winton
Lawson, Walter Brokaw	Peterson, Wm. Frederic	Sutleff, Levi Beardsley
Levison, Jacob	Phillips, George	Taverner, George
Levy, Edward Roger	Phillips, Louis	Todd, John William
Lewis, Samuel Alonzo	Pike, John Elias Tucker	Tufts, Albert Currier
Lightner, Bonus	Platt, Philemon Eli	Ulp, Alfred
Little, Christopher	Porter, Olive William	Van Fleet, William Carey
Littlefield, Lewis Bateman	Porter, James Nicholas	Van Voorhies, Albert Alex.
Locke, George Washington	Potter, William Alfred	Vaughan, Richard
Lufkins, Harry Tileston	Railton, George William	Wachhorst, Herman
Lykins, Preston Lodwick	Rath, Elias	Wallace, Campbell William
McAlister, Adam Armstrong	Rego, Edward Sutherland	Wallquist, Carl Johan
McArthur, John	Reid, Thomas Benton	Waterhouse, Columbus
McKee, Edward Hervey	Resseguie, James Gleason	Welch, Benjamin
McKee, James Anderson	Richards, John	Welch, Geo. Drake
McLaughlin, William	Roberts, John Henry	West, Daniel
McMartin, John Alexander	Roberts, Lewis Clark	White, George Amos
Meister, August	Rohrer, Fred William	Wilcoxaen, Jefferson
Menke, Anton	Runyon, Solomon	Wilder, Joel Osgood
Merrill, John Francis	Scheunert, Carl Emil	Willard, David Wright
Miller, Peter Andrew	Schroth, John George	Willis, Evander Berry
Miller, William Buchanan	Scott, Thomas James	Willis, William Ladd
Mills, James Edgar	Sheldon, William Chauncey	Wilson, Jesse Warren
Moore, Robert H	Shonefelt, William Domer	Witham, Gilbert Tapley
Moore, Seth Beardsley	Smith, Benjamin	Wood, William
Nathan, Samuel	Smith, Frank Augustus	Woodburn, Charles Gabriel
Nelson, Clarence Newton	Smith, Thomas	Woodburn, James
Nevis, Manuel Silva	Stanley, Leander	Wright, John Bascom
Nichols, Arthur Lambard	Stanton, Perrin	Yoerk, August Charles
Ochsner, John	Steffens, Joseph	Young, John Nelles—273.

WITHDRAWN:

Cluness, William Robert	Mouser, Silas Mercer	McKay, Daniel—3.
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DIED:

Knox, William Franklin	Putnam, George Alford	Robinson, Robert—3.
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RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	269	Withdrawn	3
Exalted	2	Died	3
Affiliated	6	Now borne upon the roll	273—279.
Restored	2—279.		

CALIFORNIA CHAPTER No. 5.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

*Stated Meetings, first and third Tuesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Benjamin Franklin Jellison, *High Priest*, Joseph Gardner Baston, *Prin. Sojourner*,
 Hugh James Owen, *King*, William Renz, *Royal Arch Captain*,
 William Christopher Heyer, *Scribe*, Harry Baehr, *Master 3d Vail*,
 Thaddeus Benning Kent, *Treasurer*, George Knight White, *Master 2d Vail*,
 Franklin Henry Day, *Secretary*, Charles Bliss, *Master 1st Vail*,
 Arthur Calvin Soule, *Capt. of the Host*, Samuel David Mayer, *Organist*,
 James Oglesby, *Guard*.

Past High Priests:

Reuben Edgar Raimond, Charles Lewis Patton,
 William Henry Lyon, Henry Ascroft,
 William Thomas Reynolds, *P. G. H. P.* George Dietterle,
 Hiram Throop Graves, Robert Ash,
 Joseph Miller Litchfield, John Allen Hoemer,
 John Elbridge Purdy, John Kirkpatrick, *P. G. H. P.*
 Abraham Halsey, Thomas Kyle,
 Franklin Henry Day, *P. G. H. P.* Albert Frederick Knorp,
 Isaac Stanwood Locke, William Abraham Davies, *P. G. H. P.*
 Edward Potter Oressey,

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adams, Joseph Willard	Black, Howard	Brown, William Graham
Alexander, William Stanley	Black, Joseph	Browning, Jeremiah
Allen, Richard Spicer	Blair, Walter Beasley	Bruce, James Henderson
Allen, William Alvord	Blake, Edward Presbrey	Brunings, John Henry
Ames, Frank Holmes	Blaser, John Christian	Bruns, Henry Frederick
Anderson, Isaac	Bloomer, John Godfrey	Buckingham, Aurelius E.
Anderson, Winslow	Blossom, Henry Eckford	Buckland, Owen
Armstrong, George Robert	Bohle, Henry	Bunker, Robert Elmer
Armstrong, James William	Bone, Charles	Burns, Henry Bernhard
Atkinson, Thos. Thompson	Booth, Andrew George	Callahan, Charles
Baker, Charles Henry	Boyes, James	Callinan, William
Baldwin, Alfred Walton	Bragg, Frank	Campbell, Robert
Ballard, Jedediah Stow	Bragg, Robert	Campbell, Vernon
Band, Henry Frederick	Breece, Abraham	Campbell, Walter Chauncey
Bandmann, Charles Julius	Breidenbach, Emile Henry	Carr, John George
Barclay, Peter Thomas	Breon, Paul	Castle, Stephen
Barclay, Robert Henry	Bridge, William Edward	Center, John
Barnes, William Sanford	Brigham, Calvin Oaks	Chapin, Dinsmore Davis
Barnhisel, Epenetus Ro'g's	Brinckerhoff, Harman	Chesley, Charles Palmer
Batkin, Alfred Augustus	Brittan, Nathaniel Jones	Childs, George
Bauer, John Christian	Bromley, George Tisdale	Christian, Caesar
Baum, David Andrew	Brown, Arthur Page	Christiansen, Jacob
Benedict, Courtland Smith	Brown, Henry Adams	Christie, James Alexander
Benson, John Adelbert	Brown, Henry Rolf	Church, Edward Bentley
Binge, Theo. Christoph Dan'l	Brown, Tom Adamson	Clark, John Franklin
Birch, William Henry	Brown, William Anderson	Olifford, James Benjamin

Cloak, Harry Bordell	Edgar, Dan Joseph	Hallett, Alonzo
Cockrill, Theo. Guevara	Edmondson, John George	Halsted, James La Fayette
Cogswell, James Lafayette	Edwards, William	Hamilton, Hiram Milton
Cole, Edward Pleasant	Eklund, John Peter	Hammond, Andrew Benoni
Cole, Richard Beverly	Elias, Edward	Hammond, John
Coleman, Carlton Chinn	Ellert, Levi Richard	Hammond, Rich'd Pindell, Jr.
Coleman, William Warren	Elliott, Charles Emery	Hammond, Samuel Chester
Conway, George	Estee, Morris March	Hansen, Carl Christian A.
Cords, David Andrew	Evans, Chester Hepburn	Hanson, Edw'd Hencheldey
Cox, Alexander Middleton	Evans, Joseph John	Hare, Elias C
Cox, Henry	Evans, Luther John	Hart, Wm. Henry Harrison
Cox, Palmer	Ewing, James Stanley	Hartshorne, Benj. Minturn
Crim, William Henry	Fargo, Jerome Bonaparte	Haskell, Charles Lyman
Crocker, Calvin Harlow	Farnsworth, Edward P.	Hatch, James Henry
Crocker, Charles Frederic	Ferguson, George Harrison	Hauxhurst, Samuel Weeks
Crocker, William Henry	Fickett, James Everett	Heald, Edward Payson
Cross, Charles Vernon	Field, Alfred Bishop	Hedley, John
Cummings, Walter Bailey	Fielding, Samuel Marion	Heidt, John William
Curtis, John Morrison	Filmer, William	Hellwig, Christian
Daggett, John Randolph	Finck, Julius	Hemstreet, Albert David
Dall, Peter Peterson	Firth, Joseph Kirk	Heuer, William Henry
Dalton, Franklin	Fisher, Will Everett	Higgins, Charles Clunn
Dalton, Thomas Benton	Fiske, Henry Mortimer	Highton, Henry Edward
Daniell, William Henry	Fiske, William Henry	Hildebrandt, Carsten
Davis, Winfield Scott	Flint, Brilsford Pease	Hill, Thomas Locker
Dean, Peter	Fonda, William Middleton	Hindes, Edward Brooks
Decker, Charles William	Fonda, William Thomas	Hobbs, John Kimble Carl'n
Delger, Edward Frederick	Foster, Arthur William	Hodgdon, James Peverly
De Witt, Thomas Byron	Foster, William Barrett	Hodge, Robert
Dick, Daniel John	French, Frank James	Hoffman, Henry Nathaniel
Dickinson, John Henry	Frollich, Theodore	Hopkins, Timothy
Dodd, Willis Gorman	Gabbs, Albert Steven Isaiah	Horn, Bernard Jeremiah
Dominguez, Richard Arthur	Garratt, Benjamin Franklin	Horton, Thomas Rotch
Dorn, Marcellus Americus	Gillson, John	Hotaling, Anson Parsons
Doud, Aaron	Godley, Montgomery	Howard, Horace Zerah
Dougherty, Charles Medley	Goodban, Francis Edward	Howes, Cyrus Pierce
Dow, George Edwin	Goodman, Theodore Henry	Hubbard, Henry Calvin
Dowling, Thomas Henry	Grade, William Adolph	Hubbard, Thomas Jay
Driffield, Vero Carus	Grant, Thomas Chamberlain	Husted, Orson Justus
Duboce, Victor Douglaim	Grauerholz, Henry John	Hughes, John Clarence
Dugan, Charles Edwin	Gray, De Witt Clinton	Humphreys, James Holroyd
Duncan, Benjamin Beatty	Gray, Henry Nathaniel	Hurlbut, Reuben Preston
Dunn, James	Green, Charles Ernest	Hutchinson, Ely Israel
Eagleson, John Geddes	Greenwood, Monroe	Iredale, Charles Winslow
Earl, John Ogden	Grey, John Thomas	Jackson, Alden W
Earle, Henry Halford	Griffin, John Wesley	Jacobs, Albert
Easton, Ansel Mills	Griffith, John Beruth	Jeffers, Milo Sidney
Easton, Wendell	Griffiths, Thomas Hamlyn	Jenks, George Washington
Eaton, Frank Eugene	Gunn, Benjamin McKay	Jewett, George Albert
Eckart, William Roberts	Hale, Reuben Brooks	Johnson, Albert de M'tfredy
Eddy, Richard A	Hall, Robert (S. F.)	Johnson, George
Ede, William	Hall, Robert (Sonoma)	Johnson, Mathias

Reese, Evan Leander	Smith, William Frederick	Volkman, Rudolph
Reid, James William	Smith, William Jacob	Von Schmidt, Alexey Wal'r
Reis, John O'Neal	Soomann, Johan Jo'im Theo.	Von Staden, George
Reynolds, Frank Augustus	Sowers, Frederick	Wadsworth, James O. Luke
Reynolds, Frank Bailey	Spear, Gustavus Langford	Wagner, August Henry
Rice, Richard James	Spear, Lewis Eugene	Wagner, John
Riordan, Thomas Daniel	Spence, Abel Strain	Walk, George Edward
Robertson, Wm. Alexander	Stadtfield, Jacob	Walker, James Greig
Rodgers, Arthur	Stafford, William Gardner	Walker, Robert Andrew
Ross, Donald	Starbird, Albion Wilson	Walsh, George Charles
Rundell, William Mason	Stark, William Alexander	Warburton, Samuel
Russ, Henry Beauchamp	Stande, Fred	Ward, William
Russell, John Adam	Steiner, Nicholas	Ward, William Braddon
Russell, Monson	Stevens, William Emerson	Warfield, Richard Henry
Ryan, Michael	St. Germain, Napoleon H'y	Warren, Joseph Maxwell
Sabin, John Ira	Stockfleth, John	Warwick, James Blain
Sanborn, William David	Stoddart, Augustus Wynne	Watkins, Alonzo Augustus
Schetzler, Adolph Georg	Sumner, Frank William	Webster, Artemas
Schmidt, Valentine	Swain, Edward Robinson	Weed, Merritt Herman
Schreiber, Martin Aug. Wm.	Swenson, John Augustus	Wells, Asa Reynolds
Scott, Ebenezer	Swift, James Flitcroft	Wells, William
Scott, Thomas William	Tait, William Cave	Wheaton, Milton Alverd
Segesser, John Ulrich	Taylor, George McClellan	Whitcomb, Frank Randolph
Seibel, Philipp	Taylor, John Brinkworth	White, Lovell
Seymour, Simon Harry	Thompson, George	Whitham, John Hastings
Shattuck, David Dustin	Thompson, George Howard	Wieland, Robert Paul
Shoobert, John Edmund	Thomson, Thomas	Wilkie, Andrew
Shortridge, Samuel Morgan	Thornton, Samuel Kennedy	Wilmans, Stephen Caleb
Shortt, Law'ce Hartshorne	Thrall, Henry Homer	Wilson, Charles Harold
Simpson, James	Tierney, Charles Henry	Wilson, John Henry
Skivington, John Franklin	Tonningsen, John	Wilson, William Archibald
Slack, Charles William	Townsend, Eugene de Kay	Woodbury, Warren Dean
Smith, Emory Evans	Trebell, Thomas	Woodlock, John
Smith, Francis	Trobock, Bartholo'w Nich's	Woods, Harry Frank
Smith, Frank Landers M.	Turner, James Frederick	Woodward, Gideon Paschall
Smith, George Sedgwick	Vail, Akin Hiller	Wright, Charles William
Smith, George Strait	Vance, George Prescott	Wright, Cyrus Smith
Smith, Harry Burt, Jr.	Vanderslice, Wm. Keyser	York, William
Smith, Henry Julian	Van Duzer, Oliver	Young, Arthur Lansing
Smith, James Jerome	Veen, Frank Joseph	Young, Shirley Trever
Smith, Lewis Warren	Vetter, Philipp	Younger, William John

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MARK MASTERS :

Baar, James Lausen	Day, Henry Lucas	Hughes, William George—4.
Day, Charles Austin		
WITHDRAWN:		
Baldwin, Sherman Charles	Jaynes, Frank	Price, Arthur Faraday—3.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Burtis, Robert Wallace	Girvin, James William	Minor, Theodore Henry
Earle, Blad Anthony, Jr.	Harbourne, John Wesley	Rice, Frank Scott
Elwell, Frank David	Hatch, Theodore Henry	Waterhouse, Fred. Adelbert
Fitzgerald, William Thomas	Little, George Edward	

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EXCLUDED:

Graves, Charles Henry

Waitt, Alfred Coolidge—2.

DIED:

Blackburn, David Otis

Tindal, George Watson

Weldon, William Edwin—4.

McGann, Patrick Henry

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	534	Withdrawn.....	3
Exalted	25	Susp. for non-payment of dues....	11
Affiliated.....	5—564.	Excluded.....	2
		Died.	4
		Now borne upon the roll.....	544—564.

NEVADA CHAPTER, No. 6.

Nevada, Nevada County.

*Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.***OFFICERS:**David Eddy Morgan, *High Priest*,William Barker, *Principal Sojourner*,Sherman Ward Marsh, *King*,William Barton, *Royal Arch Captain*,Edward Samuel Edwards, *Scribe*,Charles Henry Eddy, *Master 3d Vail*,John Thomas Morgan, *Treasurer*,William Floyd, *Master 2d Vail*,Ianthis Jerome Rolfe, *Secretary*,James O White, *Master 1st Vail*,Milan Buchard Siddles, *Capt. of the Host*, Antonio Tam, *Guard*.**Fast High Priests:**Thos. H. Caswell, *P.G.H.P.*,

Martin Luther Marsh,

Edward Myers Preston,

Thomas Mein,

Joseph Thomas,

George Lovett Hughes,

Ianthis Jerome Rolfe,

William Barker,

David Eddy Morgan.

Kaskil Casper,

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bernardo, Manuel Joseph

Gray, Thomas Benton

Pease, Sanford Orin

Bridges, Edwin David

Hale, Horace

Reid, James

Buffington, John Mason, Jr.

Holland, Jacob La Fayette

Richards, William Gilbert

Chapman, Lucius Homer

Holmes, William

Rose, David

Clemo, William

Kendrick, Colin

Rose, James

Curnow, Robert

Kendrick, Levi Jackson

Searls, Fred

Douglass, Harry Lee

Langley, Exile Henry

Searls, Niles

Ennis, Franklin

Long, William David

Shaw, George Crawford

Evans, John

Mallon, Christopher Henry

Tellam, Frederick

Faull, George Henry

Marsh, Daniel

Tilley, Edwin

Fleming, Jos. Davenport

McBean, John

Tompkins, Edward Alex.

Folene, Antone

McBrown, John

Tower, Alonzo Douglas

Gaylord, George Cook

McCall, John Thomas

Zeithier, Fred—60.

Goodwin, Jeremiah Samuel

Murrish, John Thomas

RESTORED:

Faull, George Henry—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Barrett, Charles Augustus Hampton, Elisha McElvey, Charles—3.

DIED:

Hanley, William A Stansfield, Halstead—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	59	Susp. for non-payment of dues	3
Exalted	5	Died.....	2
Restored.....	1—65.	Now borne upon the roll.....	60—65.

BENICIA CHAPTER, No. 7.**Benicia, Solano County.***Stated Meetings, every alternate Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Allen Page Sanborn, <i>High Priest,</i>	Thos. Bailey Montgomery, <i>Pr. Sojourner,</i>
John Scharfenberger, <i>King,</i>	Elijah Morton, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
George Richard Duval, <i>Scribe,</i>	Simon Johnston, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Charles King, <i>Treasurer,</i>	James Buchanan McKenzie, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Alvin Stone Parritt, <i>Secretary,</i>	James Ambrose Smith, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Morgan Williams, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Samuel John Filler, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Thomas McKay,	Allen Page Sanborn,	Elijah Morton.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Hahn, Henry Casper	McKay, William	Rueger, John
Johnson, Joseph Green	Moore, William Louis	Weinmann, Louis—20.
McArthur, Murdock		

PAST MASTER:

Newmark, Richard—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....20. Now borne upon the roll.....20.

SHASTA CHAPTER, No. 9.**Shasta, Shasta County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Morris Mehon, High Priest,	Frank Peck Satterlee, Prin. Sojourner,
Jewitt Scranton, King,	Adolphus Bystle, Royal Arch Captain,
William Andrew, Scribe,	Alexander Leiter, Master 3d Vail,
William Alex. Boswell, Treasurer,	Sylvester Hull, Master 2d Vail,
Daniel Potter Bystle, Secretary,	John William Garden, Master 1st Vail,
John Sale Strode, Captain of the Host,	Gunther Chas. F. Schroeter, Guard.

Past High Priests:

Adolph Dobrowsky,	Joseph Weil,	Elijah Mason Dixon,
Daniel Potter Bystle,	Olay Webster Taylor,	Morris Mehon.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Andrews, Alex. Robertson	Kellner, Wilhelm	Scammon, James Freeman
Bauden, John Peter	McDonald, Luke	Scott, John Varner
Bedford, James Franklin	McKean, William Pierce	Sechrist, George Howard
Bell, Joseph Evans	Nichols, James Levin	Shanahan, Thad. Wilson Huff
Bessmer, Albert John	Overmyer, Charles Edwin	Shuffleton, Hugh Hall
Cutter, Harry Hill	Perryman, Thomas John	Smith, Albert Ferdinand
Drynan, James Angus	Radulovich, Chris	Smith, Thomas Burton
Hainline, Charles Grant	Recardo, John D	Souter, John
Harvey, John Wesley	Reynolds, John Edward	Sweeny, Edward
Hawkins, Devine Zachariah	Rosevear, Samuel John	Thatcher, Geo. Washington
Herron, Matthew Wilkes	Ross, Albert Frederick	Well, David
Herminger, John	Ross, Herman Frederick	Wimmer, James Moses
Huester, Louis Frederick	Sandry, Samuel	Winsell, Jas. Fletcher—55.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Greene, Thomas	Syme, John—2.
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RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	58.	Susp. for non-paym't of dues.....	2
		Error in former report.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	55—58

SUTTER CHAPTER, No. 11.**Sutter Creek, Amador County.***Stated Meetings, third Friday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Walter Scott Cooledge, High Priest,	William Henry Gunsolus, Prin. Sojourner,
Robert Pope, King,	Louis Katz, Royal Arch Captain,
Frank Arthur Voorheis, Scribe,	Morris Brinn, Master 3d Vail,
George Allen, Treasurer,	Robert Redpath, Master 2d Vail,
Charles Howard Norton, Secretary,	Heimann Lehmann, Master 1st Vail,
John McDougll Post, Capt. of the Host,	John Jelmini, Guard.

Past High Priests:

Alvinna Hayward,	John McDougll Post,	Edward Converse Voorheis,
John Whitten Surface,	Robert Redpath,	Morris Brinn,
Robert Aitken,	Wallace Kay,	William Henry Gunsolus.
John Lightgow,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adams, Robert John	Marchant, John	Surface, Jacob
Bell, William	Milliken, Jesse	Surface, James Phillip
Bennetta, William Arthur	Minear, John Ingersol	Sutherland, George
Clute, Peter Alonzo	Onlds, John	Tregloan, John Roger
Dennis, Jackson	Owens, Hugh Owen	Trudgen, William Thomas
Frates, Frank	Patterson, David Anderson	Walter, Henry Franklin
Harvey, William James	Richardson, Lorenzo C.	Whitelach, Daniel Henry
Isaacs, Bernhard	Robinson, Robert	Yelmini, Victor Pacific—43.
Jennings, William		

PAST MASTER:

Perkins, John Dabney—1.

DIED:

Templeton, Isaac Newton—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report. ....42	Died..... 1
Exalted 2—44.	Now borne upon the roll.....43—44.

MERCED CHAPTER, No. 12.**Merced, Merced County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Wednesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Robert Gracey, <i>High Priest,</i>	Albert Pitzer, <i>Principal Sejourner,</i>
Giacomo Garibaldi, <i>King,</i>	Charles Simon, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Walter Nathan Sherman, <i>Scribe,</i>	Ebenezer Maxw'll Stoddard, <i>Mas. 3d Vail,</i>
Carter Landram, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Oscar Alexander Baker, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
James Leonard, <i>Secretary,</i>	Edward Stephen O'Brien, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Aaron Badt, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	William Lewis Silman, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Hiram Newton Rucker,	Aaron Badt,	William Lewis Silman,
Arthur Homer Dauchy,	Albert Pitzer,	Robert Gracey.
Carter Landram,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Barfield, George Hardwick	Gribble, James Thomas	Hart, William John
Becker, Frederick	Hall, Thomas Albert	Hunt, William Horton
Draper, Wilbur Fiske	Hammatt, Robert William	Jacobs, Isaac Henry
Einfeldt, Detlef Johannis	Hardwick, Wm. Jefferson	Jones, Lewis Fuller
Fleming, Charles Edgar	Harris, Charles Parsons	Means, William Leland

Henn, William Theophilus	Mattison, Charles	Schuler, Conrad
Hewett, Arthur Hathaway	Mayer, Christopher	Skinner, Randolph Whitney
Hochstadter, Adolph	McNutt, John Fleming	Slingsby, William
Hochstadter, Simon	Miller, Hezekiah Monroe	Soderland, Johannes
Holland, George	Miller, Fred Clark	Soderland, Noach
Hortop, Philip	Nelson, William Harvey	Stanwood, Richard Goss
Hudson, Edward Henry	North, George	Stratton, Cornelius Allen
Hull, Theodore Benson	Oakley, Amasa Wilder	Swain, William Caldwell
Hunter, William	Ostrom, Daniel Augustus	Thom, David, Jr.
Hutchins, Gavin Walter	Pascoe, Charles Flood	Walton, Benjamin Franklin
Jasper, Jos. M. Carrington	Peck, William Francis	Walton, Hiram Aaron, Jr.
Kells, Robert Cornelius	Peffer, John	Webb, Charles Augustus
Knight, David Edgar	Peters, Joseph	Weber, Henry Victor
Kosby, Augustus Emil	Pincus, Emil	Wilcoxon, Caleb Elisha
Lee, Ortis Frederick	Rideout, Benjamin Norman	Wilson, Wesley Thomas
Logan, Anderson Dabney	Rusby, James Orion	Wilson, William Clay
Marcuse, Marcus	Sanborn, Miles Edward	Wolters, George
Marcuse, Myer A	Saye, George Marion	Wood, Ira Halstead—119.

WITHDRAWN:

Stoddard, William Seward—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Featherly, Edward Wash'n Oyster, William M Thompson, Earnest Briceno—3.

EXCLUDED:

Phillips, Joseph—1.

DIED:

Lask, Joseph

Landecker, David Henry—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....124	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted 2—126.	Susp. for non-paym't of dues....	3
	Excluded.....	1
	Died.....	2
	Now borne upon the roll.....	119—126.

HOWARD CHAPTER, No. 14.

San Jose, Santa Clara County.

Stated Meetings, first Friday in each month.

OFFICERS:

William Henry Haydock, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Orrin Francis Mann, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
George Butterfield McKee, <i>King</i> ,	Milton Amos Boulware, <i>Roy. Arch Capt.</i> ,
Clarence Haydock, <i>Scribe</i> ,	John Christian Gerichs, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Clement Theodore Park, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Morris Elmer Dailey, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Joseph Wheeler Cook, <i>Secretary</i> ,	George Thomas Gribner, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
John Thomas Coyle, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	William Larkin Woodrow, <i>Chaplain</i> ,
	Fred Sanford Coffin, <i>Guard</i> .

RETURNS OF THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

Jillson, Charles Brooks—1.

MARK MASTERS:

Lincoln, Eric Theodore Straw, Isaac Jefferson Turner, William Wallace—4.
 Sarter, Harvey Johnson

DIED:

Cochran, Rufus Mycajah Persons, Ammer—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report 72 Died..... 2
 Exalted..... 8—80. Now borne upon the roll..... 78—80.

ST. JAMES CHAPTER, No. 16.

Placerville, El Dorado County.

Stated Meetings, third Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Henry Sylvester Morey, *High Priest*, Reuben Kelly Berry, *Principal Sojourner*,
 George Washington McKee, *King*, Charles Fitzgerald Irwin, *Royal Arch Capt.*,
 Shelley Inch, *Scribe*, Marco Varozza, *Master 3d Vall*,
 John William Deuch, *Treasurer*, Richard Alderson, Jr., *Master 2d Vall*,
 Charles Henry Weatherwax, *Secretary*, Samuel Jemison Alden, *Master 1st Vall*,
 Frederick Ferdinand Barss, *Capt. of Host*, Charles Caleb Pierce, *Chaplain*,
 James Lambeth Weymouth, *Guard*.

Past High Priests:

Frederick Ferdinand Barss, Andrew Thom'n Culbertson, Geo. Hunting'n Burnham,
 Charles Fitzgerald Irwin, Thomas Fraser, Henry Sylvester Morey.
 James Lambeth Weymouth,

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Avansino, Nicola Eaton, John William McLean, John Marion
 Barlow, George Washington Fisher, John Adolphus Miller, John Wesley
 Blair, John Hamel, Henry Plumado, Francis Hilair
 Blakeley, Alburn Jackson Hume, James Bunyan Richards, James
 Cello, Carlo Guiseppe Ingham, George Howard Theisen, John
 Crawford, John Jones Loveless, Seth White, Thomas Hibbard
 Derbernardi, Giacomo Merrill, Charles Edward Yeadon, William—37.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS:

Jewell, William John Swialer, Charles Albert—2.

MARK MASTER:

Lucas, James Franklin—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report 35
 Exalted..... 2—37. Now borne upon the roll..... 37.

LIBANUS CHAPTER, No. 17.**Iowa City, Placer County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next succeeding Full Moon.***[No Returns.]****GRASS VALLEY CHAPTER, No. 18.****Grass Valley, Nevada County.***Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Thomas John Michell, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Frank Aver, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
James Clymo Noel, <i>King</i> ,	Paul Wesley Michell, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
John Hicks, Jr., <i>Scribe</i> ,	John Harris, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Theodore Henry Wilhelm, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	David Edwin Matteson, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William David Harris, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Thomas Ingram, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Wm. Gordon Hudson, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Edward Nuttall, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Edward Coleman, <i>P. G. H. P.</i> ,	Wm. Gordon Hudson,	Thomas John Michell.
John Crisp Coleman,	Theodore Henry Wilhelm,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Andrews, James	Finnie, Robert Dryden	Pears, Joseph
Angove, John	Gluyas, James	Petitjean, Theophilus
Angove, Richard	Griffin, George	Polglase, John
Barker, Charles	Haas, Isidor	Poole, William
Bennallack, James	Harris, Stephen Michael	Prisk, William Frederick
Berriman, Henry	Hattam, Joseph	Richards, William
Body, Wm. Christopher Dart	Hill, George Washington	Roland, Louis Jerome
Bray, William John	Hooper, James	Sanders, John
Caddy, Richard	Husom, Andrew	Saxon, Edward
Clift, William	Johnston, Peter	Smith, John G
Coombs, William (1)	Jones, William O	Spaulding, Henry Sylvester
Ooombs, William (2)	Kemp, Robert	Stein, Isidore
Crocker, John Ross	King, Peter	Stoddard, Alexander
Campbell, George	Lawrence, John	Stoddard, Orlando
Campbell, William	Long, Stephen	Tregidgo, Alf
Daniels, Henry	Maddrill, Charles Edward	Uphoff, Herman
Davies, David	Maynard, Stephen	Vincent, George
Dodge, John Lewis	Mitchell, Charles Henry	Walker, Thomas Rolla
Dorsey, Samuel Packwood	Morehouse, Alphonso	Werry, John
Douglass, William	Moore, Stephen	Weisbein, Jacob
Dunstan, William	Noell, Richard	Weisbein, Joseph
Elliott, Marcus Lindsey	Noonan, Patrick	Woodmansee, Charles Scott

RETURNS OF THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Granger, Samuel—1.

DIED:

Binkleman, David

Price, Brisco Hugh—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	76	Susp. for non-payment of dues...	1
Exalted	6	Died.....	2
Affiliated	1—83.	Now borne upon the roll.....	80—83.

TRINITY CHAPTER, No. 19.

Weaverville, Trinity County.

Stated Meetings, second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

John McMurry, *High Priest*,
 William Spencer Lowden, *King*,
 Michael Roush Newman, *Scribe*,
 Peter M Paulsen, *Treasurer*,
 Champion W Smith, *Secretary*,
 Detlef Hansen, *Captain of the Host*,

John Clifton Mason, *Principal Sojourner*,
 James Bowie, *Royal Arch Captain*,
 David Hardin, *Master 3d Vail*,
 Frederick Zarli, *Master 2d Vail*,
 Adolph Whitebread, *Master 1st Vail*,
 John Henry Bremer, *Guard*.

Past High Priests:

John Clifton Mason,
 Wiley James Tinnin, *P. G. H. P.*

James Harvey,

John McMurry.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Given, James Edgar	Jackson, Harry Jean	Rowles, James
Given, William Cushing	Miller, Thomas Love	Smith, John Huron
Hass, Gottlieb Frederick	Philbrook, John William	Van Matre, George
Hackett, George J	Raab, Louis Frederick	Vollmers, William—26.

PAST MASTERS:

Chamberlain, Paul Rehonard

Shuford, John William—2.

DIED:

Essick, Bely

Paulsen, Jacob—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	28	Died..	2
		Now borne upon the roll	26—28.

FRANKLIN CHAPTER, No. 20.

Oroville, Butte County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Thursdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Richard White, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Herbert Worrall Smith, <i>Pr. Sojourner</i> ,
Erasmus Tucker, <i>King</i> ,	William Hubert Dixon, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Wallace H Chappell, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Samuel Samuel Simon, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John Carleton Gray, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Charles Dennis Dunn, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Henry Chapman Hills, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Seth Sprague Boynton, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
George Jas. Graham, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	John Konstantine Mitchell, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Charles Fayette Lott,	George James Graham,	Albert Foster Jones,
John Carleton Gray,	Samuel Samuel Simon,	Thomas Wilson Serviss,
Warren Sexton,	Thomas Boyd Hutchins,	Richard White.
Patrick Ogilby Hundley,	Emanuel Briggs Morgan,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bigelow, Marcus James	Hawkins, Orwin Cullin	Plum, Nathaniel Dunbar
Biggs, Edward Earnest	Hendricks, Thomas Pollock	Powell, David
Braddock, David Washing'n	Hutchins, John Sullivan	Pressley, Allen
Brown, William Alexander	James, Thomas Morgan	Schultz, John Fridrich
Burroughs, Charles	James, William	Sheridan, David
Butler, Charles Frederick	Jones, Peter William	Simon, Lewis Aaron
Dyer, George Washington	Kitchen, Isaac Warren	Sparks, Ebenezer Morrison
Eckart, George Robert	Medanich, George	Sperry, Willard Felton
Fagan, Edward	Melton, Leander McC.	Sprague, Frederick Adams
Fleming, Thomas Robert	Meredith, John Robert	Stafford, William Henry
Gale, John	Morgan, Jenkin	Stone, Louis Charles
Glass, Louis	Mould, William	Taber, Floyd
Goodday, Louis	Myers, Lester Llewellyn	Tople, Prince Louis
Grace, Robert Patrick	Norton, Lewis Elliott	Wickman, George Didrich
Gridley, Charles Edward	Parker, Balzemon	Willoughby, Nicholas
Grubbs, Richard Champion	Pence, Watt Manoah	Woodworth, Homer Allen
Hartson, Charles Gardner		—68.

PAST MASTER:

McCoy, Benjamin Lincoln—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Grossette, George Henry—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Brock, Joseph Herbert	Ludlum, Thomas Badgley	Williams, Jacob—5.
Buchanan, Phil Goodrich	Sjorberg, Anders Gustaf	

EXCLUDED:

Featherstone, William	McDermott, William Patrick	Shaw, George Moore—4.
Green, Milton James		

DIED:

Waldeyer, Charles—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....77	Withdrawn.....1
Exalted.....2—79.	Susp. for non-payment of dues....5
	Excluded.....4
	Died.....1
	Now borne upon the roll.....68—79.

SIERRA CHAPTER, No. 21.

Downieville, Sierra County.

Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Eliphalet Lewis Case, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William Ryan, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Stanley Andrew Smith, <i>King</i> ,	Aden Denmire, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Frank Rumrill Wehe, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Henry Haddon Purdy, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Adolph Joseph Meroux, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	August Christopher Busch, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Thompson Luther, <i>Secretary</i> ,	James Brown Crooks, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Henry Spaulding, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Valentine Hartling, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

William Thompson Luther, *P. G. H. P.*, Eliphalet Lewis Case.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Aird, Alexander Fisher	Hanley, William Franz	St. Pierre, John
Akers, Charles Duval	Martin, George C	Thompson, David Edward
Berry, James Edwin	McQuesten, Charles Oliver	Wayland, William Allen
Edmonds, Thomas	Pilond, Edouard	West, John Thorrensaes
Ford, Tirey Lafayette	Roussan, Charles Adrian	Whitney, David Livingstone
Foss, Lemuel	Stewart, Samuel Curtis	Williams, Thomas—31.
Goodwin, James Willis		

DIED:

Bradbury, John T—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....32.	Died.....1
	Now borne upon the roll.....31—32.

PETALUMA CHAPTER, No. 22.**Petaluma, Sonoma County.***Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

William Roe Veale, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Marcus Dyatheka Goshen, <i>Pr. Sojourner</i> ,
Clarence Ellaworth Reed, <i>King</i> ,	William Wilder, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
John Cavanagh, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Frank Arlington Cromwell, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
James Lockridge Dinwiddie, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Achille Kahn, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Henry Paine Brainerd, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Joseph Martin Bowles, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Herman Albert Heincken, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	James Singley, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

James Singley,	Wm. Barnabas Haskell,	Lyman C Byce,
Benj. Franklin Tuttle, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>	John Cavanagh,	George Perkins Baxter,
Marcus Dyatheka Goshen,	Levi Hartzell Patty,	Frank Arlingt'n Cromwell.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Baur, John	Fairbanks, Joseph Frank	Ormaby, John Harper
Berri, Vittorio	Gilbert, Platt Benedict	Pedrazzini, Louis
Bihler, William	Grandi, Salvatore	Poehlmann, Conrad
Bonetti, Lucca	Hasbrouck, Hiram Brown	Roseburgh, Allen
Brown, Robert Henry	Haubrich, Leonard	Sartori, Ignazio
Bardell, James Blask	Hill, William	Schroyer, Aaron
Button, Isaac Vaile	Jacobs, Thomas Roberts	Taft, Hiram Lafayette
Chopard, Louis	Kuhnle, Fred	Tomasini, Deodato Gacinto
Codoni, Guiseppe Abbondio	Lauck, Joseph Benjamin	Tomasini, Louis
Collins, Frank Miller	Lewis, John Bacon	Tomasini, Mateo
Darden, William Henry	Lippitt, Edward Spalding	Wallace, Robert G
Denman, Frank Hardenb'gh	McGrew, Samuel	White, Josiah Howe
Dixheimer, John	Merritt, John	Zartman, William
Dreyfuss, Edward	Mitchener, Jonathan	Zook, Francis Kurtz—60.
Fairbanks, Dolph Brice		

WITHDRAWN:

Fairbanks, Hiram Talbot	Crawford, Isaac Samuel—2.
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DIED:

Faulkner, Miles Henry	Denman, Ezekiel—2.
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RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....64.	Withdrawn..... 2
	Died..... 2
	Now borne upon the roll.....60—64.

LA FAYETTE CHAPTER, No. 24.

Camptenville, Yuba County.

Stated Meetings, first Saturday after Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

William Bull Meek, <i>High Priest,</i>	Charles O'Hara, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
———, <i>King,</i>	Richard Baker, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Eugene Beauharnais Covey, <i>Scribe,</i>	John Rufus Kennedy, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
James Arnott, <i>Treasurer,</i>	James Nelson, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
———, <i>Secretary,</i>	Charles McLellan, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Thomas Phillips, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Peter Russell, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priest:

William Bull Meek.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Farley, George Sidney	Smith, Henry	Spencer, Stephen—14.
McPhee, Douglas Alex.		

DIED:

Meek, William Alexander—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....15.	Died.....1
	Now borne upon the roll.....14—15.

GEORGETOWN CHAPTER, No. 25.

Georgetown, El Dorado County.

Stated Meetings, Saturday next succeeding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Ellison Lassell Crawford, <i>High Priest,</i>	William Simpson Hickman, <i>P. Sojourner,</i>
George Beattie, <i>King,</i>	James Francis Walk, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
William George Beattie, <i>Scribe,</i>	Benjamin Franklin Robson, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Thomas Z. Armstrong, <i>Treasurer,</i>	John Loron House, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Benjamin Johnson Dains, <i>Secretary,</i>	Benj. Franklin Shepherd, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
James Moon, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Tinsley Burton Epps, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

William Roush,	James Moon,	Ellison Lassell Crawford, <i>G.H.P.</i>
John Dodd Skinner,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bassi, Giosni	Fillipini, Rinaldo	Pedrini, Cipriano
Bayley, Alexander Alonso	Lagerson, Frederick	Scripture, Oliver Oscar
Benjamin, De Witt Clinton	Langley, Charles Hilton	Simpers, George Washington
Corrigall, John William		—24.

EXCLUDED:

Fleishman, Jacob—1.

DIED:

Pedrini, Massimino—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....26. Excluded..... 1
 Died 1
 Now borne upon the roll.....24—26.

DELTA CHAPTER, No. 27.**Auburn, Placer County.***Stated Meetings, first Monday succeeding Full Moon in each month.***OFFICERS:**

John Gould Bisbee, <i>High Priest</i> ,	John Mathias Fulweiler, <i>Pr. Sojourner</i> ,
Thomas Burel Harper, <i>King</i> ,	Wm. Bransen Lardner, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Robert William Roberts, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Benjamin Dulaney Dunnam, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Charles John Hellwig, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	John McAnich, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
David Wlademer Lubeck, <i>Secretary</i> ,	William Barter, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Rob't Fleming Rooney, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	John Haenny, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Charles John Hellwig,	Robert Fleming Rooney,	John Mathias Fulweiler.
John Gould Bisbee,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Applegate, George Wallace	Gladding, Albert James	Phillips, James Penrarya M.
Colburn, Frank Ellsworth	Grohs, Frederick Peter	Predmore, Gerra Bretton
Connor, John Michael	Hoppert, Christoph Henry	Stevenson, Thomas
Cowan, Gordon Robinson	Hughes, David Griffith	Taylor, Hosea
Crowell, William Albert	Martin, Charles	Tickell, John
Curtis, Henry Chittenden	Mears, Josiah	Todd, Thomas Milton—32.
Delano, Ira Lemuel	Miner, John Macklin	

PAST MASTERS:

Brown, Edward Doyle	Lininger, Michael David	Smith, Benj. Franklin—4.
Fulton, Jonathan		

MARK MASTER:

Whallon, Samuel Norton—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Birdsall, Frederick Wheeler	Kinkade, John Thompson—2.
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SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Rusing, Edward S—1.

DIED:

Mullen, William Henry	Whittemore, Adrian Storey—2.
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RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....35	Withdrawn.....	2
Affiliated.....	2—37. Susp. for non-payment of dues ...	1
	Died.....	2
	Now borne upon the roll.....	32—37.

STOCKTON CHAPTER, No. 28.

Stockton, San Joaquin County.

Stated Meetings, fourth Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Orrin Staples Henderson, <i>High Priest</i> ,	John Garwood, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Durrell Oliver Castle, <i>King</i> ,	Sam'l Eikenbary Latta, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Harry Nichols Baggs, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Joseph Henry Swain, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Edward Richards Hedges, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William Henry Stone, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
George Alexander McKenzie, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Charles Joseph Buchanan, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
George Elbert Catts, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Charles Edward Howe, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Gilbert Burnett Claiborne,	George Alex. McKenzie,	Henry Ephriam Robbins,
Edward Richards Hedges,	Isaac Lothrop,	Arthur Morgan Noble,
Alexander Chalmers,	Doran Lucius Campbell,	William Henry Stone.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Ashley, George Henry	Fraser, Philip Barry	Orr, Nelson Mills
Bachmann, Carl August	Friedberger, Arnold	Peters, Joseph D
Barber, Joseph Martin	Fyfe, Joseph	Phelps, Joseph Larose
Beckman, Henry	Gersbacher, Joshua Barre	Prugh, Winfield Webster
Beede, Wm. Morris Stewart	Graham, William	Rhodes, Charles Wise
Bergman, Francis Gus. A.H.	Harrison, Norval	Rhodes, Wm. H. Harrison
Bonney, Charles Sumner	Harrison, William Bruce	Robertson, Peter Sterling
Briggs, Sebra	Harrold, Nathaniel Siggons	Robinson, Isaac Henry
Brown, Philip Thomas	Henderson, Milton Pierce	Rolerson, Benjamin Franklin
Buell, Park Arbington	Henery, Samuel	Russell, Richard William
Cain, John	Hickox, Flavil Gaylord	Sanguinetta, Domenico
Castle, Christ'r Champlin	Hurd, Columbus	Shaw, Henry Coffin
Cavin, James	Jory, John	Shurtleff, George Augustus
Cavis, Joseph William	Keyes, Henry Calcutt	Smith, James Webb
Confer, Solomon Lytle	Lane, Frank Ellis	Smith, Wellington Treat
Corson, Charles Hartwell	Langford, Benj. Franklin	Snow, William
Cross, Samuel Nelson	Leitch, Archibald	Sperry, George Barker
Oobb, Frank Dyckman	McGuffick, William	Swain, Cornelius
Cotterell, William	McKinnon, Angus	Thompson, John William
Culver, Gilbert Caleb	McPherson, Joseph Kennon	Tindall, Pleasant Bay
Cunningham, Thomas	Milco, Nicola	Todd, Francis Walton
Ditz, George, Jr.	Misener, Norman Sumner	West, Frederick Macondray
Earle, Richard Thomas	Morris, Ozias Manly	Woods, Samuel Moaley
Elliott, Lyman Weston	O'Brien, John Henry	Yardley, John—90.

RESTORED:

Elliott, Lyman Weston—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Eldridge, Edward Duane

Perkins, Charles Edwin—2.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Bulson, Herman Rice	Keyes, William Henry	Stewart, John Daniels
Folsom, Gilbert N	Little, William Jackson	Taylor, Charles Edwin
Frost, Haller Coventry	Mays, William Henry	Waterman, Solomon
Kerr, Benjamin Eadie	Rogers, William Dice	Woods, John Newton—12.

EXCLUDED:

Bennett, Paul Witherly

Lehe, Eugene—2.

DIED:

Rowland, John Morgan—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....105	Withdrawn.....	2
Exalted.....	Susp. for non-payment of dues...	12
Restored.....	Excluded.....	2
	Died.....	1
	Now borne upon the roll.....	90—107.

MANZANITA CHAPTER, No. 29.

North San Juan, Nevada County.

Stated Meetings, Saturday after Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

John Storer McBride, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William Dunning, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Frederick William Bank, <i>King</i> ,	John Quick, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Albert James Wood, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Ashley Smith Bigelow, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John German, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Richard Thomas, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Patrick Henry Butler, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Charles Scheuerman, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
John Trood, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Joseph Gordon Dickson, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

John Ambrose Seely,

John Storer McBride.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Allison, Peter	Buhring, Harry Herman	Gilbert, Josiah Stevens
Atwater, Henry	Olymo, Francis	Harris, Thomas
Bell, Francis Hiram	Oull, Henry	Harris, Thomas Voel
Billings, John	Onnard, James Henry	Helwig, John Henry
Bristow, William	Fuller, Henry Bailey	Henderson, Duncan

Huff, William	McIntire, James Lambert	Rogers, William James
James, William David	McMurray, Robert	Rossen, Rasmus Peterson
Jepsen, Christian Otto	Osborn, Thomas Israel	Trood, William
Jones, John Richard	Quick, Paul	Wood, Frank Merton
Lancaster, Charles Edward	Bedington, James	Westerfield, William Jackson
Llewellyn, Daniel		

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WITHDRAWN:

Stone, John—1.

DIED:

Rogers, Joseph D—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....46.	Withdrawn.....	1
	Died.....	1
	Now borne upon the roll.....	44—46

NAPA CHAPTER, No. 30.

Napa, Napa County.

Stated Meetings, second and fourth Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Frederick N Giles, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Edward Bonsall, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Eli Washington Hottell, <i>King</i> ,	Alden Monroe Gardner, <i>Royal Arch Capt</i>
Nelson Marble, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Daniel Sterling Kyser, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Henry Hay Knapp, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Henry Louis Amstutz, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
James Buchanan Gardner, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Henry Conrad Horstmeyer, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
George Wm. Strohl, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Amos Smith Knapp, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Henry Hay Knapp, <i>P.G.H.P.</i> ,	William Bradford,	Frederick N Giles.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bustelli, Gottardo	Haas, David Leopold	Morford, Nathan Albert
Coates, Frank	Hawks, John	Newcomb, Bethel Merritt
Crow, Max J	Hoadley, Horace James	Robinson, Joseph Lilburn
Davis, Morrow Henry	Holden, Samuel Emery	Shurtleff, Benjamin
Elles, Theodore	Johnston, Finis Ewing	Starkweather, Charles Henry
Epley, Thomas Henry	Manasse, Emanuel	Sterling, Robert Henry
Fisher, William Frederick	Mason, James	Stevens, James Bannity
Goodman, Geo. Edmund, Jr.	McCollum, William John	Swift, John Jackson
Grossman, Adolphus Her'n	Mecklenberg, Joseph	Wilkins, Benjamin Sidney
Gwynn, William, Jr.	Miller, Francis Ashbury	Zollner, John Ferdinand—43.

WITHDRAWN:

Knapp, Albert Moore—1.

DIED:

Gritman, Charles Ray—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....43	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted.....	Died.....	1
	Now borne upon the roll.....	43—45.

MARTINEZ CHAPTER, No. 31.**Martinez, Contra Costa County.***Stated Meetings, Monday of or preceding Full Moon in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Lewis Cass Wittenmyer, <i>High Priest,</i>	William Sewell Wells, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
William John Douglas, <i>King,</i>	William Henry Buckley, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
Simon Blum, <i>Scribe,</i>	Albert Edmund Blum, <i>Master 3d Val,</i>
Ieldor Weiss, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Max Blum, <i>Master 2d Val,</i>
George Atwood Sherman, <i>Secretary,</i>	Orville Irwin Menefee, <i>Master 1st Val,</i>
Chas. Samuel Cousins, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Gabriel Blum, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Lewis Cass Wittenmyer,	William John Douglas.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Alexander, Geo. Edmund	Fernandez, Bernardo	Ridgway, Frazier
Aitken, James	Gamble, James	Sanford, Farmer
Baldwin, Barry	Gny, John W	Swihart, George
Beede, Paul	Hinman, Justus Michael	Taggart, Harry Wallace
Biggs, Walter Hick	Jones, Joseph Philip	Tennent, John Baptist
Boyd, John Wheaton	Jones, Samuel Bler	Terrill, George Willard
Brown, Samuel	Lucas, John Goncoloes	Turner, Benjamin Coffin
Burpee, Winfield Scott	McCarger, Philander	Wagner, Theodore Fred O
Bush, George T	Pollock, Alexander Fletcher	Wagy, Elmer D
Catlett, Theodore Scott	Parkinson, Manuel Casada	Walker, James Tormay
Duffee, William Joseph	Rankin, James	Wiley, George Adrian
Edwards, Hugh Pugh	Rhoads, John Charles	Williams, Isaac—49.
Evans, Hugh		

WITHDRAWN:

Borach, Bernard—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Chase, Eli Robbins—1.

DIED:

Griffin, Thomas—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	48	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted	4—52.	Susp. for non-payment of dues....	1
		Died.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll....	49—52.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER, No. 33.

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Edward Anthony Preuss, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Samuel Prager, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
William Henry Riggs, <i>King</i> ,	Moritz Morris, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Max Wassman, <i>Scribe</i> ,	John Robert Parvis, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Carl Frederick August Last, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Simon Caben, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Francis Griggs, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Charles Edwin Kenny, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
John King, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	———, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Abraham Wolf Edelman,	George Frederick McLellan,	Carl Frederick August Last,
Samuel Prager,	Ansel Melen Bragg,	Edward Anthony Preuss.
James Seth Crawford,	John Goldsworthy,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adams, Joseph Franklin	Gross, Frederick	Peck, Daniel Gager
Baruch, Berthold	Grymes, George Anderson	Philbin, John Andrew
Baruch, Jacob	Hewett, Eldridge Edward	Portugal, Adolph
Brown, James	Jackson, John Eugene	Rowan, Thomas Edwin
Buffum, William Mansfield	Lawrence, John	Ryan, William Andrew
Burckell, Leon	Levy, Eli Julius	Satter, Anton
Burns, James Frank	Levy, Felix	Shaw, Thomas William
Bush, William Tandy	Levy, Michael	Smith, Charles Edgar
Chandler, Burdette	Loew, Jacob	Solomon, Heyman
Cohen, Benjamin	Long, Jeremiah	Strassburger, Nathan
Ducommon, Charles Louis	Mahoney, John James	Strohm, Thomas
Eckert, Robert	Maier, Joseph	Teel, Charles Adelbert
Enz, Charles Augustus	McFarland, Walter	Weldon, Arthur
Eyraud, Emanuel	Meyburg, Moritz	Wellman, Fallis Kenton
George, Ambrose Franklin	Meyer, Samuel	Weston, Benjamin S—63.
Glass, John Malcolm	Morris, John Wood	

RESTORED:

Satter, Anton—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Ducasse, Peter Leon

Illich, Jerry—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....56	Withdrawn..... 2
Exalted 6	Now borne upon the roll.....68—65.
Affiliated..... 2	
Restored..... 1—65.	

ALTURAS CHAPTER, No. 84.

Quincy, Plumas County.

*Stated Meetings, Friday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

_____, <i>High Priest,</i>	Arthur Walker Keddle, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
James Henry Whitlock, <i>King,</i>	_____, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
_____, <i>Scribe,</i>	Asher Cohn, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
William Thomas Byers, <i>Treasurer,</i>	_____, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Joshua Hutchins Variel, <i>Secretary,</i>	_____, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
_____, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Samuel Taylor, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Benjamin Wilcox Barnes,	Joshua Hutchins Variel,	John Daniel Goodwin.
Thomas Alonzo McFarland,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Dwinelle, Aaron Alonzo	Meylert, Gordon W.	Standart, George
Hendel, Charles William	Nevill, John	Thomas, John Hiram
Meikle, William	Parsons, Edward Ira	Thorp, Joseph Henry—19.
Mitchell, John Ephraim		

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....18	Now borne upon the roll .....19.
Affiliated..... 1—19.	

NAVAL CHAPTER, No. 85.

Vallejo, Solano County.

*Stated Meetings, second Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

David Forney Beveridge, <i>High Priest,</i>	John Wilton Winton, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
William Henry Clark, <i>King,</i>	Sylvester Warford, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Louis Garibaldi Harrier, <i>Scribe,</i>	John Henry Sallor, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
John Brownlie, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Gustaf Adolph Bergwall, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Henry Daniel Lazelle, <i>Secretary,</i>	Charles Franklin Mugridge, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
George Rounds, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Henry Bruce, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Osgood Hilton,	George Rounds,	David Forney Beveridge,
Charles Daly,	Joseph Bullock Oughlan,	Patrick Haley,
James Rooney,	Walter Duncan Anderson,	John Wilton Winton,
Christian Theo. B. Hallin,	Henry Daniel Lazelle,	Sylvester Warford.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Aden, Melobert Remmers	Gendreau, Charles Anthony	Plaisted, George Pomeroy
Aden, Remmer Joh'n Rem's	Good, Harry Carlton	Powell, Abraham
Andrews, William	Hall, George Henry	Rae, James
Ashwell, Charles	Harrier, Daniel Webster	Robinson, Jno. Buckingham
Bassford, Fordham Clay	Hawthorne, Charles Ralph	Russell, William Abbott
Bertoscky, Alex. Bertsch	Henderson, Orrington Lunt	Rutherford, David
Butler, Ira Mortimer	Johnson, Otto	Savage, Thomas
Butler, Orrin Hartwell	Kemper, Melchior	Shillingsburg, William
Drake, Frank	Lister, Benjamin	Small, Frederick Augustus
Duncan, John Kennedy	McLees, Edmond	Thompson, John
Farnham, John	McPike, Andrew Jackson	Topley, James
Fassett, Thomas Odeon	Nagle, Richard Wellington	Voorhies, Albert Parsons
Faust, John	O'Harra, John Henry	Webster, Henry John
Ferrier, Francis	Passallaqua, Bennaditto	Williamson, John Marshall
Ford, John Harris	Peck, George	Wilson, George Wilkins
Frey, John	Perkins, Con Marrast	Wright, Martin Jeremiah

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WITHDRAWN:

Ford, Harry Clay

Wall, Charles John—2.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Farley, Dallas Jones—1.

DIED:

Brown, John Mills

Much, George Washington

Titcomb, John Locke—4.

McDaniel, Roland Jackson

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....74.	Withdrawn.....	2
	Susp. for non-payment of dues....	1
	Died.....	4
	Now borne upon the roll.....	67—74.

OAKLAND CHAPTER, No. 36.

Oakland, Alameda County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

George Henry Smith, *High Priest*,Edward Chas. Bridgman, *Prin. Sojourner*,James Bester Merritt, *King*,Frank. Grenville Watson, *Royal Arch Capt.*,Damien E Fortin, *Scribe*,Albert Humphrey Merritt, *Master 3d Vail*,Frank Howard Brooks, *Treasurer*,Edw'd Melville Wilkinson, *Master 2d Vail*,John William McClymonds, *Secretary*,Harry Benner, *Master 1st Vail*,Herbert Ellis Jones, *Capt. of the Host*,Charles Edwin Gillett, *Guard*.

Past High Priests:

Benjamin Akerly,	Samuel Thorburn Black,	Edw'd Harrison Morgan,
Nathan W. Spaulding, <i>P. G. H. P.</i> ,	Amasa Wright Bishop,	Alvah Kittredge Clark,
Walter Laidlaw,	John Wm. McClymonds,	Joseph Fountain Chandler,
Frank Worthy Cushing,	William Frank Pierce,	Frederick Low Krause,
Frank Howard Brooks,	Charles Nelson Fox,	Francis Hy. E. O'Donnell.
Charles Edwin Gillette,	Webb Nicholson Pearce,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Abel, John Jacob	Deaner, Hiram Franklin	Johnson, Ellis Crowell
Allardt, George Frederick	Degan, Ludolph Philip	Kendall, Alpheus
Ames, Joseph Parker	De Golia, George Ellis	Kerr, Archie Fullerton
Antisell, Thomas Murphy	Delger, Frederick	Kerr, Louis Carmick
Archibald, Francis Albert	Dingee, William Jackson	Kercheval, John Hereford
Austin, James Davis	Dobbins, Hugh Hollis	Knight, Frederick Wales
Baker, Alfred Septimus	Dodge, Ezekiel Goddard	Koser, Newton Alexander
Ball, Ambrose Everett	Dunbar, Sylvanus Gilman S.	Lamoureux, Philias Henry
Banks, Charles Wells	Dynes, William Henry	Lancaster, Joseph
Belden, Henry Keney	Eadon, Moses	Leckie, Robert Stevenson
Betta, William Michael	Edgar, William James	Lee, John
Bice, John	Edgar, Robert	Lentell, James
Blethen, Albion Keith Paris	Ellis, William	Lightner, Henry P
Bones, Samuel West	Ely, Ralph Asahel	Littler, Oliver Wilson
Brabban, Dixon	Emery, Joseph Stickney	Long, Charles Stewart
Bradley, John Tilford	Evans, John Walter	Lord, Charles Reuben
Breed, Arthur Hastings	Evers, Joseph Henry	Loring, George York
Brown, Lewis Henry	Everson, Wallace	Magill, Arthur Edward
Burnham, Charles Franklin	French, Robert Elsworth	Marr, Archibald Campbell
Burrell, Alfred William	Frick, George William	Mau, Charles Frederick
Campbell, Alexander	Gifford, William M	Mauzy, Byron
Campbell, Fred'k McLean	Gilpin, Zachery Taylor	McClain, Joseph
Camron, William Walker	Glasscock, John Raglan	McComb, Edmund
Chappellet, Felix	Glenn, Alexander Glenn	McGuire, Jesse Milton
Ohlttenden, Henry Hatfield	Glines, Herbert Atherton	Meade, Calvert
Clift, Frederick Charles	Goodman, George	Metcalf, George Dickson
Collins, David Edward	Greenhood, Jacob	Miller, James
Concanon, William Norton	Gray, Roscoe Spaulding	Miller, Thomas Irving
Cordes, Paul Henry	Gunn, Adam Francis	Miller, William Noble
Cormeny, Eugene	Hale, William Elmer	Monnet, Louis
Cox, George Washington	Hamilton, William Thomas	Moore, Albert Alphonzo
Craft, Richard Carson	Handy, Brayton Everington	Morris, Moses
Craib, William	Handy, Lucian Harvey	Mueller, Herman Emanuel
Craig, Homer Alexander	Haven, Charles Dwight	Munson, Arthur King
Craig, William Henry	Hayes, Daniel Edward	Nelson, James Wesley
Cramer, Adolph Ed. Henry	Herbert, Henry Vandever	Newsom, John J
Crellin, John	Heron, Ernst Alvah	Nichols, Ralph Kenniston
Cumming, William George	Hewes, Charles Leslie	Nordhausen, Ernest Albert
Cunningham, Parlan R	Hewes, Charles Wesley	Norris, Francis Marion
Cushing, John	Hill, William Henry	Osgood, Ernest J
Dalton, Henry Phillip	Hume, Joseph	Ott, August Lewis
Davis, Dwight Lucian	Hyde, Marcus Darius	Owens, Wm. Henry Searls
Davis, William Rude	Ingersoll, William Bowker	Palmer, Chas. Theo. Hart

Palmer, Henry Austin	Robinson, Edward Constant	Taylor, Albert Miles
Pardee, Enoch Homer	Rodolph, Frank Bequette	Taylor, Charles Benjamin
Parrish, William Henry	Russell, Thomas Bartlett	Templeton, James
Patterson, A. L. Crandall	Rutherford, Charles Board'n	Todd, James Hamilton
Patterson, George	Sampson, Martin Meyer	Tubbs, Hiram
Payne, Frank Howard	Schuller, Antonius	Turman, Byron Isaac
Perkins, George Clement	Seaton, Horace Scott	Twombly, Charles Henry
Phillips, John Waterman	Shaffer, Louis	Upham, Isaac
Pierce, Charles Dexter	Shattuck, Francis Kittredge	Velch, William Thomas
Pinkerton, Thomas Hamil	Sherman, Edwin Allen	Von Hirsch, Sementi Julius
Powell, Howell Aubrey	Shorey, Albert	Wadsworth, Henry
Price, William Clay	Siegfried, John Christian	Walsh, Edward Marion
Prouse, Charles	Skinner, Isaac Ash	Walton, Jesse
Randall, Charles Wells	Slaven, John Thompson	Watson, William Callaghan
Rasmussen, Hans	Smilie, Robert	Weilbye, Julius Lars
Raymond, Charles Seward	Smith, Henry Sydney	Weilbye, William Hansen
Redding, Albert Putnam	Smith, William Clay	Williams, John
Redington, Charles Henry	Stewart, Robert	Wilson, James B
Reichling, Francis	Stoddart, Fred'k Peterson	Wilson, John Charles
Reichling, Louis Frank	Stone, Louis Stanwood	Wilson, William
Reinstadler, Francois	Taft, Henry Clay	Winchester, Ebenezer
Roach, James Vincent	Taggart, Grantham Israel	Zabel, Julius—221.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS:

Henshaw, F. W. Henshaw, William G. Hunt, ——— —3.

MARK MASTERS :

Higgins, Charles H.—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Bragdon, Edmund, Jr. Horton, George Wallace Wines, Chas. Latham—5.
Delger, Edward Frederick Reckard, Charles Lockwood

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Bartlett, Pliny	Du Bois, Sumner Victor	Stephenson, John Calvin
Blood, William Frank	Miller, Robert Willis	Stone, Franklin Byron
Buzzo, Benjamin Haywood	Miller, William Henry	Thompson, Arthur Dalliba
Crowley, Dennis David	Mould, Richard Inkerman	Westover, Clinton—12.

DIED:

Beeby, Robert John	Henley, James Brainard	Plunkett, James California
Ferguson, Henry James	Hersey, Edgar Amos	— 5.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	237	Withdrawn.....	5
Exalted	5	Susp. for non-payment of dues...	12
Affiliated.....	1—243.	Died..	5
		Now borne upon the roll.....	221—243.

SILOAM CHAPTER, No. 37.**Colfax, Placer County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

James Barrows Hayford, <i>High Priest,</i>	Brigham Bliss McKenzie, <i>Pr. Sojourner,</i>
James Beede Knapp, <i>King,</i>	Seland Cadjew, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Albert Halliday Smith, <i>Scribe,</i>	John Ezra McCornock, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Henry Disque, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Alexander Edwin Erskine, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
John Butler, <i>Secretary,</i>	Thomas Cahill, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
William John Holmes, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	William Swift Makins, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Jacob Hart Neff, <i>P. G. H. P.,</i>	Morris Lobner,	Jas. Barrows Hayford.
Joseph Spencer Quire,	John Butler,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Baker, William Mandeville	Hudpohl, Herman Henry	Nichols, Thomas Jefferson
Olendening, John	Ingersoll, Darius	Perkins, William Stickney
Cloudman, Octavius King	Johnson, Gus. Adolphus	Rabe, August Louis
Coffin, Isaac Tibbitts	Jones, Frederick Charles	Robie, Ira Allen
Davis, Abraham	King, Thornton	Rogers, Joseph
Dysart, John	Knapp, John Corliss	Swenson, Samuel Edward
Els, Henry	Lakamp, John Henry	Taylor, Henry Wilson
Hayford, William Barrows	Lohman, Peter	Tolman, Rufus Jenkins—41.
Heuser, George Henry	Martin, Henry Vassal	

MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS:

Hamilton, John	Ketchum, Frank	Lamprey, Frank—3.
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RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....38

Exalted 3-41. Now borne upon the roll.....41.

SANTA CRUZ CHAPTER, No. 38.**Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Wednesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Thompson Wilson Brullard, <i>High Priest,</i>	Peter Richmond Hines, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Oathers Drummond Folsom, <i>King,</i>	Benjamin Anthony Plant, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
George Staffier, <i>Scribe,</i>	Edward Swift West, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Samuel Arnold Bartlett, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Joseph Schwartz, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
William Henry Bias, <i>Secretary,</i>	Lawrence Lorenzen, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Bernard Wise, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	George Henry Harrington, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Peter Richmond Hinds, William W Gamble, Thompson Wilson Drullard.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Basey, John Clinton	Ely, Frank William	Middleton, Henry Louis
Baxter, Robert James	Ely, William	Middleton, William Fackler
Chace, John Rufus	Fagan, Pierce Bye	Porter, William Ray
Chamberlain, Philander	Fast, John Henry Adolph	Rice, Coffee Adams
Cohn, Aron	Fitch, Edwin	Rueff, Gustavus Adol. Karl T.
Coope, John Frederick	Gilchrist, Adam	Russell, William
Coult, John Howard	Haslam, William Douglass	Still, Arthur
Cristofanini, Antone	Kron, Henry Frederick	Sullivan, John Thomas
Daubenbiss, John	Lincoln, Charles Henry	Thompson, Richard
Dutton, James Lewis	Mathews, Theodore Vinton	Willey, Henry
Dutton, James Marshall	Menefee, Frank George	Williams, Edward Lawrence
Efey, Robert	Middleton, Edward August	—48.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Adams, Edward Francis—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	43	Susp. for non-payment of dues ...	1
Exalted	5	Now borne upon the roll.....	48—49.
Affiliated	1—49.		

DONNER CHAPTER, No. 39.

Truckee, Nevada County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Samuel Parker, <i>High Priest,</i>	Joseph Dearborn Hilton, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Daniel McPhetres, <i>King,</i>	Charles Thomas, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Charles Edward Glidden, <i>Scribe,</i>	George Schaffer, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Walter Marion Burckhalter, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Geo. Wash'n Richardson, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Irving Francis Harvey, <i>Secretary,</i>	Samuel Cupples, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Herman Hison Jacobs, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	George Washington Giffin, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Charles Fayette McGlashan,	William Harrison Prouty,	William Rufus Spalding.
Joseph Marzen, Jr.,	William Ferdinand Wilkie,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adolph, Julius	Casper, Samuel	Gowling, Joseph
Angus, George	Champion, Francis	Gowling, Philip
Bachelder, Jesse Howard	Crawford, William George	Hilton, George William
Balder, William	Dunn, Henry George	Hill, William Henry
Bernardi, Julius De	Dunster, George William	Hutchinson, John Thomas
Carlson, John August	Dutcher, Willard Perry	Joesink, Bernardus Hendr's

Lewison, Jacob Lewis	Moody, John Fairfield	Schneider, Peter Gottlieb
Luxenberger, Michael	Ohland, Fredrich	Trewick, Archibald
McDonald, John Joseph	Peters, Medcalf Lorenzo	Whitney, Thomas Byron
Meloche, Frank Tancred	Richardson, Warren	Wood, George
Micauder, John	Sherriff, Henry	Young, Lamertine Wilson
Millberg, Geo. Skiffenton	Steen, Nathaniel	—52.

PAST MASTERS:

Fay, John

Schneider, Adam—2.

WITHDRAWN:

Young, Samuel Alexander—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Pendleton, John William

Silva, Manuel—2.

DIED:

Graham, Andrew Jackson

Mayer, Pius—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	48	Withdrawn	1
Exalted	9—57.	Susp. for non-payment of dues	2
		Died	2
		Now borne upon the roll	52—57.

RED BLUFF CHAPTER, No. 40.

Red Bluff, Tehama County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Saturdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Elias Delevan Gardner, <i>High Priest</i> ,	———, <i>Prim. Sojourner</i> ,
John F Ellison, <i>King</i> ,	Roderick Henry Bierce, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Nathaniel Ioah Boone, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Sylvanus Everett Murphy, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
William Brower Cahoon, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Henry Erasmus Bidwell, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Pelham Howard Coffman, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Solomon David Schoenfeld, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Nathaniel Merrill, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Samuel Lewis, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

John Clements,

Nathaniel Merrill,

Elias Delevan Gardner.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Alexander, Charles Graham	Campbell, Charles Abijah	Fish, Charles Erskine
Ballard, Curtis Durkee	Campbell, Remembrance H.	Gedney, David Wetmore
Barham, James Lewis	DeHaven, Jos. Lapsley G'd	Griggs, Sidney Allen
Blossom, Robert Hurd	Duhig, Louis James	Healey, Lucien Bonaparte
Boole, Frank Arthur	Eddy, William	Houghton, Francis
Brattan, John Michael	Elmore, Robert Hoyle	Houseman, Robt. Porterfi'd
Brown, Ancil Lycurgus	Enwicht, George	Howell, Thomas Francis
Brown, Augustus Frank	Epperson, Jacob Haney	Howell, Thomas Newton
Cameron, James Strong	Finnell, Simpson	Jelly, Frank Lee

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	36	Now borne upon the roll.....	40.
Exalted.....	3		
Affiliated.....	1-40.		

CHICO CHAPTER, No. 42.

Chico, Butte County.

Stated Meetings, second and fourth Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Alexander Hill Crew, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Edward Tillotson Reynolds, <i>Pr. Sgourner</i> ,
Thomas Bicknell, <i>King</i> ,	Eugene Erastus Canfield, <i>Roy. Arch Capt.</i> ,
Harman McOargar, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Adam Courtney Broyles, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Charles Faulkner, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Louis Harrison McIntosh, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Gilbert Hart Taylor, <i>Secretary</i> ,	William Leroy Bradley, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
John Cardiff Daly, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Thomas L Bohlender, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Charles Faulkner,	Sam'l Hunter Montgomery,	William Henry Miller,
John Rose Robinson,	Eugene Erastus Canfield,	William Thomas.
Edward Tillotson Reynolds,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Applegate, William James	Gleeson, John Rodney	Montgomery, J.W. Bradford
Barnard, Timothy Henry	Guynn, Pleasant Marion	Montgomery, Park
Batchelder, Hiram Treat	Hansen, Anders Mathias	Papst, Charles James
Bell, Hugh Thomas	Hansen, Lauritz	Peake, William Humphrey
Boucher, Josiah, Jr.	Hartford, John William	Peterson, Geo. Fred. Christ'n
Boydston, James Knox Polk	Haughton, Jos. Richardson	Reavis, William Andrew
Carney, George Washington	Hibbard, Albert A	Reichling, Peter
Chapman, Augustus Harley	Hilliard, Marion	Schooler, William Henry
Clark, Oliver Lovell	Holloway, James Thomas	Schulze, Oscar Carl
Crew, Henry William	Jones, Ralph Taylor	Snowden, James William
Cussick, Barney	Jones, Samuel	Stansbury, Oscar
Davison, James	Lausen, Henry Datleff	Steuben, Henry William
Dogger, James Madison	Linn, W Birney	Stevens, Warren Charles
Durham, Wm. Wellington	Lothrop, Matthew Hale	Turner, John Calvin
Eliot, Wesley Stockwell	Mack, William Edwin	Warren, Cyrus Greenleaf
Evans, Aaron	March, Charles Alex.	Weston, Jubal
Evans, Sylvester Kirkwood	March, Jefferson Davis	Wetherbee, Ira Alston
Freeman, Frank	Mitchell, James Ewing	White, Harry Darius-70.

WITHDRAWN :

King, William Duncan

McFayden, Archibald-2.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Garner, John Mortimer	Papst, Albert	Ryant, Isaac Whiteman
Graves, Fountain Columbus	Patterson, Jacob	Wessman, John August—7.
Morissey, Thomas Francis		

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....78	Withdrawn..... 2
Affiliated.... 1—79.	Susp. for non-payment of dues..... 7
	Now borne upon the roll.....70—79.

SOLANO CHAPTER No. 43.

Suisun, Solano County.

Stated Meetings, first Saturday succeeding Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

Jerome Bonaparte Richardson, <i>H. Priest,</i>	Geo. Frederick Wooderson, <i>P. Sojourner,</i>
William Wynn Redmond Reeves, <i>King,</i>	Albert Alexander Dickie, <i>Royal Arch Capt,</i>
James Stewart Brown, <i>Scribe,</i>	Edgar Ernest Long, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Eben Dorman Perkins, <i>Treasurer,</i>	James Noble Junken, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Abraham Farr Hitchcock, <i>Secretary,</i>	William Frederick Gabrall, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Freeman Hunnewell, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	William Kimball Hoyt, <i>Guard.</i>

East High Priests:

Jerome Bonaparte Richardson,	Albert Alexander Dickie,	Albert Levi Reed,
Allen Charles Miller,	Freeman Hunnewell,	William Wolf.
Eben Dorman Perkins,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Andersen, Alden	Eversole, Henry	Okell, Edward Joseph
Blum, Jacob	Frazer, John Robert	Parker, William Boyd
Bronson, Howard Caylor	Frank, Ferdinand	Reynolds, Jas. Wm. Bryson
Brown, William Burrell	Gates, James Walker	Robbins, Ruel Drinkwater
Buck, Ingalls Kenney	Gates, Thomas Lee	Rush, Benjamin Franklin
Buck, William Leonard	Hacke, Henry Frederick	Sheldon, William Corydon
Capell, James Smith	Harris, Henry	Stewart, Edgar L
Cerkel, Wolf	Hatch, Anthony Timothy	Stewart, Samuel
Cohn, Jacob	Henderson, Frederick Lewis	Stitt, James Warren
Danielson, John	Hoyt, Julian Buell	Stephens, William Bell
Davissan, William Gustavus	Kelly, Kirk Etna	Stevenson, Andrew Vincent
Dellinger, Ambrose Craig	Leithead, James	Stevenson, Charles Albert
Dinkelapiel, Morritz	Losee, Charles Henry	Tomassini, Guclno
Downing, William Green	Miller, Meredith Rains	Waugh, Benjamin James
Emigh, Thomas Powell	Oberti, Joseph	Wilson, Thomas Stanley
English, William Pomeroy		

—61.

WITHDRAWN:

Metzler, John Adam—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Baumann, Jacob Henry, Weinberger, Marcus—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....54	Withdrawn.....1
Exalted.....9	Susp. for non-payment of dues.....2
Affiliated.....1—64.	Now borne upon the roll.....61—64.

VISALIA CHAPTER, No. 44.

Visalia, Tulare County.

Stated Meetings, fourth Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Edward Harrison Miles, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Eldridge Calvin Farnsworth, <i>P. Sojourner</i> ,
Edward McDonald Graham, <i>King</i> ,	George Alvia Parker, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Robert Lee Freeman, <i>Scribe</i> ,	William Gaillard Dozier, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
James Edward Denny, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	John Francis Jordan, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Joseph Clarence Ward, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Edmund Jones Fudge, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Edw'd Erastus McVeagh, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Freedom Moulton Rice, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Robert Chidley Broder,	Charles Henry Murphy,	William B Wallace,
Joseph Clarence Ward,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Anderson, David Oscar	Hall, Albon Eugene	Quinn, Harry
Bowhay, Jasper Newton	Hammond, William Hall	Smith, George Washington
Chatten, Richard	Hausch, Christian	Smith, Seth
Chatten, Thomas	Hockett, John Benjamin	Thompson, Frank A
Cranston, Floyd Cole	Jones, John Simeon	Tracy, Persus Sprague
Crowley, Green Berry	McIntyre, Thomas	Taoby, John
Gray, Wheaton Andrew	Nelson, William Dennis	Tuxberry, William Dwight
Glasscock, Alpha Hayden	Overall, Daniel Griffith	Wells, Morgan James
Goad, John Cornelius	Pease, Edwin R	Woods, Ezekiel Wm. Smith
Guggenheim, Leon	Pogue, James Wm. Center	—44.

RESTORED:

Chatten, Thomas—1.

EXCLUDED:

Gilroy, Launcelot

Preston, Charles Welcome—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....40	Excluded.....2
Exalted.....5	Now borne upon the roll.....44—46.
Restored.....1—46.	

SANTA ROSA CHAPTER, No. 45.

Santa Rosa, Sonoma County.

Stated Meetings, first Friday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Charles Martin Bumbaugh, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Frank Eugene Cherry, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
George Hall, <i>King</i> ,	Henry Crawford Crowder, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
William Jordan Doggett, <i>Scribe</i> ,	John McGill Laughlin, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Milo Smith Davis, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Charles Kobeas, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Charles Augustus Hoffer, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Louis Brandt, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
William Freeman Wines, <i>C. of the Host</i> ,	Winslow Simon Hosmer, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Augustus Leander Fisher,	Alex. Douglas Laughlin,	George Anderson Tupper,
Allison Burr Ware,	Edward Walker Davis,	Allan Bryant,
Christop'r Columb's Farmer,	Hiram Lewis Tripp,	Allen Bosley Lemmon,
Henry J Ross,	Walter Clifford Good,	Peter Nicholas Stofen.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Abshire, Alfred O	Henry, James	Page, Charles Albert
Allen, Samuel Irwin	Highly, William	Phelps, Charles Lorraine
Anderson, Thos. Hart Bent'n	Hodgson, William Henry	Phillips, Walter
Appleton, Wellington	Hoover, Abram	Piggott, James Kenneth
Arnold, Amasa W	Hoover, John	Pitblado, Charles Bruce
Baker, Walter Hussey	Howell Louis Vanburgh H.	Prosek, Charles
Barnett, Joel Dwight	Hughes, John	Ross, John
Berka, Frank	Hunt, Joseph Hancock	Shearer, Fred'k Eichelber'r
Brown, Alexander	Hunt, William Jesse	Shelmerdine, Edw. Kirkland
Brown, George D	Ink, Walter Payne	Simmons, Leeson, Gaskill
Brown, John	Johnson, Andrew	Sinclair, George Henry
Burger, Calvin Hayden	Joost, Jacob	Sparks, Gerge Washington
Burris, Luther William	Juillard, Louis William	Speller, George
Caldwell, Charles Young	Kerridge, Frederick John	Spencer, Byron M
Clark, Fred'k Longworth	Korbel, Antone Francis	Steadman, Welcome Judson
Colgan, Edward Power	Label, Herman	Stites, Alexander Hill
Crawford, Richard Fruit	Laughlin, James Henry	Stone, Nathan Jonas
Devereaux, Elisha William	Loomis, Frank Clemmens	Taylor, John Shackelford
Dohn, George Ernest	Maller, James Clark	Thompson, Robert Augustus
Dunbar, John	McConnell, William Elliot	Thompson, Thomas Larkin
Eatinghausen, Wm. Adams	McDonald, Mark L	Thorsen, Jesse Fremont
Farmer, Charles Rollen	McKinlay, Duncan E	Trowbridge, George Tyler
Fountain, Orlando	McMinn, John	Vanderhoof, Martin V. Euren
Fulkerson, Theodoros S.	Metcalf, Samuel Washington	Walker, John
Gannon, James	Mills, Emory Temple	Warboys, John Walter
Green, Paul Franklin	Morris, Henry Bullen	Warner, James Judson
Grindle, Joshua	Murdock, Lewis Anthony	Watson, James Reade
Hall, Joseph Edward	Nelson, William Clark	Wilton, Thomas Garrett
Halling, Fredric	Nye, William Everett	Wright, Augustus Sylvanus
Harris, Jacob	Overton, Albert Perry	Wright, James California

WITHDRAWN :

Allison, Peter	Burris, David	Van Valkenburgh, Charles O
Buckland, Leonard Harrison	Prindle, William	—5.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Box, James Allen	Mathews, Alfred Fletcher	Smith, Robert Press
Guerne, George Emil	Moral, Nathan	Wescoatt, Jonas—7.
Howell, Orrin		

DIED:

Hutchinson, Samuel	Ludwig, Thomas Jefferson	Swett, Frank Hervey—4.
Johnson, George Asbury		

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....128	Withdrawn.....	5
Affiliated.....	2—130.	Susp. for non-paym't of dues.... 7
		Died..... 4
		Now borne upon the roll.....114—130.

WOODLAND CHAPTER, No. 46.

Woodland, Yolo County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS :

Franklin Sylvester Freeman, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Francis Ellsworth Baker, <i>Pr. Sojourner</i> ,
Donald Fraser, <i>King</i> ,	Philip Thomas Langenour, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Frederick Miller, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Temple Perrin Magee, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John Dickson Stephens, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	James Thomas Taylor, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
James Kerson Smith, <i>Secretary</i> ,	William Henry Winne, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Loron Warren Hilliker, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Edward Glendenning, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Donald Fraser,	Loron, Warren Hilliker,	Franklin Sylvester Freeman.
Francis Ellsworth Baker,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adams, Levi Brandon	Diggs, David Pitt	Guthrie, Thomas Walker
Arens, Thomas Otto	Dresbach, William	Harling, Micajah Oglesby
Bower, John Guster	Ely, Isaac Jefferson	Hill, Henry Abraham
Brown, Elijah William	Frederick, John George	Houx, David Franklin
Charmak, Louis	Freeman, John Watts	Howard, Stephen A
Cohen, William	Frost, Charles Stincen	Hurlbut, George Rodgers
Coil, Leroy	Gable, Amos William	Lowry, John William
Craig, Thornton	Gable, Harvey Clinton	Marden, William Harrison
Cramer, Lewis	Garey, George Jones	Rahm, Francis Marion
Davisson, Benj. Franklin	Goodin, Thomas Clinton	Williams, John Calvert
Day, Charles Granville	Grim, William Everett	Young, Joseph Garnet—45.

RETURNS OF THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

WITHDRAWN:

Boyle, John

Warrington, Thomas Henry—2.

DIED:

Blowers, Russell Bigelow

Woodard, George Washington—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....49.	Withdrawn.....	2
	Died.....	2
	Now borne upon the roll.....45—49.	

LASSEN CHAPTER, No. 47.

Susanville, Lassen County.

Stated Meetings, second Saturday after Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

William Brockman, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Morris Asher, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Frederick Hines, <i>King</i> ,	Noble Samuel McKinsey, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Eber Gaston Bangham, <i>Scribe</i> ,	James Branham, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Lyman Collins Stiles, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	John Cahlan, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Wright Patrick Hall, <i>Secretary</i> ,	William Henry Hall, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Julien Eugene Pardee, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	John Hanson Marker, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

John Ranshaw Lockwood,	Phillip Jacob Goumaz,	William David Minckler,
Eber Gaston Bangham,	James Branham,	William Brockman.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Alexander, Abraham	Kruger, Frank	Pullen, Granville
Alexander, Jules	Latham, Melancthon S.	Ripley, Charles Jackson
Bailey, Ira Eugene	Masten, William Thomas	Santee, Milton
Bereman, Henry	McDow, Lafayette Decatur	Sharp, James Porter
Cramer, Daniel	McGill, Robert Lealie	Smith, Albert Augustus
Crane, William Henry	McKenzie, Alex. Archibald	Smith, Isaac Wright
Dodge, Edward Robert	McKenzie, Donald William	Snyder, Henry
Emmons, Theo. Frelingh'n	McKissick, Jacob	Spalding, Zetua Newell
Hathaway, Hiram Jackson	Miller, Andrew	Stoll, Charles Michael
Hendrick, James Wesley	Moon, Abraham Gillette	Talbot, Enoch Stanwood
Hyer, David Campbell	Otto, Anthony	Williams, Eugene Albert
Kingsbury, William Charles	Otto, Fred	Winchell, Hiram—53.
Knoch, David	Pierce, George Strunk	

RESTORED:

Latham, Melancthon S.—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Bobo, Benjamin Franklin Maxwell, Jefferson Houston Sheldon, Benj. Franklin—3.

DIED:

Morgan, Charles Henry—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....56	Withdrawn..... 3
Restored..... 1—57.	Died..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll.....53—57.

DIXON CHAPTER, No. 48.

Dixon, Solano County.

Stated Meetings, Tuesday of or next preceding Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

John William McFadyen, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William Henry Garnett, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
John Devano Grady, <i>King</i> ,	James Phillip Martin, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Claus Frahm, <i>Scribe</i> ,	James Edwin Apperson, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Charles Cambridge Donoho, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Seligman Goodman, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
George Ulsteen, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Franklin Benjamin Wire, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
George Clifford Russell, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	—————, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

John Sweany,	William Henry Wells,	John William McFadyen.
Herman Eppinger,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Abbey, John Alexander	Fraser, Gillivray	Morris, William Henry
Agee, Charles Frederick	Garnett, James Sinclair	Morrison, Robert
Agee, Christ'r Columbus	Gates, Thomas Milton	Nielson, Ole
Aiken, Perly Johnson	Gordon, Melvin Barnes	Nudd, Elmer Ellsworth
Baker, William	Gould, Eugene Henry	Rice, John Henry
Bates, Walter Earnest	Hillman, Arthur Constant's	Ross, Henry Ackson
Clark, Calvin Crawford	Ireland, Elias	Russell, Francis Exaria
Craig, Frederick	Job, Charles Edward	Russell, William Ogburn
Currey, Montgomery Scott	Kelly, Benjamin Franklin	Simms, William
Downs, George McClellan	Kline, Joseph	Stephens, Rob't Edmond Lee
Englehart, Edmond Johnson	Madden, John Rightwire	Thompson, George
Eppinger, Joshua	McCune, Henry Ewalt	Wolfkill, Edward
Ettlinger, Bernhard	McCune, Joseph Henry	Yount, George Walter—54.
Ferguson, Wm. Redmond		

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER :

Rierson, Robert Lee—1.

PAST MASTER :

Moon, James Luman—1.

WITHDRAWN :

Johnson, James Otis—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Heuer, John Henry—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....56.	Withdrawn..... 1
	Susp. for non-paym't of dues. 1
	Now borne upon the roll.....54—56.

MODESTO CHAPTER, No. 49.**Modesto, Stanislaus County.***Stated Meetings, second Thursday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Frank Albert Cressey, <i>High Priest,</i>	Robert Elder, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Guy Kilburn, <i>King,</i>	Christ'r Columbus Wright, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
Thomas Kennan Beard, <i>Scribe,</i>	Frederick Henry Zander, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Julius Dettelbach, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Edward Meinecke, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
George Russell Stoddard, <i>Secretary,</i>	Clarence Augustus Stonesifer, <i>M. 1st Vail,</i>
Andrew Robertson Jamison, <i>O. of the H.,</i>	Richard Benjamin Purvis, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Elihu Burritt Beard,	Gilbert Paul Ostrom,	Frank Albert Cressey,
Adolphus Hewel, <i>D.G.H.P.</i>	Andrew Robertson Jamison,	Frederick Henry Zander.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Alexander, John Stewart	Kahn, Louis	Shirley, Hopkins Tinney
Bach, William Francis	Klehn, Henry	Stewart, Alexander
Bartch, Frederick	Kuhns, Elmer	Stratton, John Augustus
Bledsoe, Willis	Lathrop, James McElroy	Thomas, Richard Henry
Dalby, Samuel Price	Lawrence, George	Taggle, William Harrison
Davis, Frank Collins	Longhead, George	Tulloch, John William
Dorsey, Caleb	Means, Andrew Jackson	Weyer, Frederick
Elfers, Charles Diedrich	Richardson, Thomas	Wood, Walter Benjamin
Fortune, James Pulaski	Riggs, John Stewart	Yancey, Thomas Grayson
Hall, William Wheeler	Ripperdan, Isaac	Young, John Phillips
Hayter, Abram La Fayette	Root, Milton Burdette	Zimdars, Otto Ernest—49.
Haslacher, Jacob		

WITHDRAWN:

Meinecke, Frederick	Vogleman, Henry	Ward, John Edward—3.
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RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....52.	Withdrawn..... 3
	Now borne upon the roll.....49—52.

VENTURA CHAPTER, No. 50.**Ventura, Ventura County.***Stated Meetings, Tuesday of or next preceding Full Moon in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Frederick William Baker, <i>High Priest,</i>	Willis Phillip Lincoln, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Herbert Alvaro Giddings, <i>King,</i>	Andrew Badgeley, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Henry Isaac Hoppin, <i>Scribe,</i>	Benj. Tully Williams, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
John Stevenson Collins, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Amos Dudley Seward, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Wm. Henry Albert Thompson, <i>Secretary,</i>	Joseph Lowden Churchman, <i>Mas. 1st Vail,</i>
Lasco Addison Mitchell, <i>Captain of Host,</i>	David Rhodes Dennison, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Lemuel Clark McKeeby,	James Allen Day,	Edward Taylor Hare,
Eugene Preston Foster,	Kenneth Peter Grant,	James Walker.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bard, Cephas Little	Davis, Frank Elwell	McGuire, William
Bard, Thomas Robert	Dickson, Samuel Thompson	McIntosh, George Robert
Benchley, Edward Kellogg	Eastin, LaFayette Findla	McKevett, Charles Henry
Blackstock, Nehemiah	Ely, Martin Judah	Metcoalf, Charles Wesley
Blanchard, Nathan Weston	Galley, Daniel Gregg	Mott, David Wallace
Brooks, James Marlon	Gilbert, Geo. Shoebr'ge, Jr.	Robinson, Chr'ph'r Maxwell
Budreau, Edward Silas	Gosnell, Truman B	Simpson, Volney Alexander
Cannon, Marlon	Hall, Elwin Smith	Smith, Alvin Billings
Chrisman, Gilpin Wallace	Hotchkiss, Merritt E	Taylor, Casper
Comstock, Andrew Jackson	Kaiser, Joseph M	Todd, Theodore
Cox, Richard	Knighten, William Amon	Waring, Isaac Hudson
Crawford, James Monroe	McFie, William Thomas	Wolff, Moise Lazard—54.

MARK MASTERS:

Falkenstein, Elyses Simpson Grant	Nelson, William Ressenious	Virden, Edwin
Mack, James		—4.

WITHDRAWN:

Taggart, Edwin—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Haberer, Joseph Julius—1.

DIED:

Chaffee, Walter Scott—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....50	Withdrawn.....1
Exalted.....4	Susp. for non-payment of dues....1
Affiliated.....3—57.	Died.....1
	Now borne upon the roll.....54—57.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, No. 51.**Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County.***Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

William Preston Butcher, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Benjamin Franklin Thomas, <i>P. Sojourner</i> ,
Walter Burton Cope, <i>King</i> ,	Charles Henry Kelton, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Ell Rundell, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Samuel Manchester, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Jos. McCullough Garretson, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Ira Loomis, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Alfred Bascom Williams, <i>Secretary</i> ,	David Rees Henderson, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Albert Perham Hardy, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Daniel Moyer, <i>Guard</i> .

RETURNS OF THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

Past High Priests:

John Peck Stearns,	John Delos Peer,	Edward Gardner Dodge,
George Edward Childs,	Rollin Dunabee,	James Henry Anstin,
Benjamin Franklin Thomas,	John N Hiller,	Frank Adelbert Conant.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Andrews, James Henry	Laughlin, Henry James	Rogers, Herbert Augustine
Barker, James Lawrence	Lehman, David Isaac	Shotwell, Marcus Aveatus
Dimock, Harry Clinton	Linguest, August Ledwek	Squier, Oliver Perry
Faber, George	Mathis, Jacob Alvin	Todd, Alexander Brunt
Gourley, Eliakim Tupper	McFarlane, James Clarke	Treadway, Clinton William
Harrington, John Kennedy	Norway, William Henry	Whitaker, James Gilmore
Hawley, Walter Augustus	Paddock, Edgar Luxerne	Wilson, Albert Calhoun Jos.
Hill, Jesse	Pratt, Edward Baker	Wilson, Jerome Calvin—44.

PAST MASTERS:

Clark, Wilson Lincoln	Franklin, Edwards Gideon	Winchester, Robert Fulton
Ennis, Foston	Knight, Clarence Crosby	—5.

RESTORED:

Todd, Alexander Brunt—1.

DIED:

Broughton, Robert John—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....44	Died..... 1
Restored..... 1—45.	Now borne upon the roll.....44—45.

HUMBOLDT CHAPTER, No. 52.

Eureka, Humboldt County.

*Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Emery Jonathan Chapman, <i>High Priest,</i>	John Lester Maurer, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Robert Copeland, <i>King,</i>	Louis Persons, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Louis Rice, <i>Scribe,</i>	Lewis Buoncure Kingsbury, <i>Mas. 3d Vail,</i>
James William Henderson, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Edward Backenstose, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
William Patterson Hanna, <i>Secretary,</i>	John Marvin Melendy, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Edward Nelson Borg, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	William Daniel McKay, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Thomas Blakwell,	Joseph Dibble Hoyt Chamberlin,	Thomas Barnes Outler.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Anderson, Andrew William	Sonifield, Samuel	Bull, John Clark, Jr.
Anderson, James Peter	Brown, Thomas McGinnia	Campbell, Alexander
Auraud, Frank Clateon	Bryce, William	Carson, Charles Alexander
Baylor, Daniel	Buck, Silas Montgomery	Carson, George
Beckwith, Frank Walter	Bull, John Clark	Christie, Howard Lester

Clark, Robert Dale	Houde, Bohumil Antonin	Renfro, David Kenneda
Clyborne, W Frank	Howard, Clarence M. Leig'n	Robarts, James Thomas
Outler, Thomas	Howatt, James College Pope	Roberts, Albert D
Dale, Jeremiah	Holmes, Samuel	Roberts, Melvin Parker
Davies, Jasper Newton	Hutchins, Robert Walker	Ross, Andrew Walker
Davis, Henry De Lasaux	Jackson, Harry Woodville	Ross, James
Delamere, Henry Sinclair	Jauda, James	Russ, Ira Alonzo
Dinkelspiel, Adolph	Keene, George Hamilton	Ryan, John Walter
Dinmore, William	Killian, William	Sherburne, Benjamin F
Doe, Charles Albion	Korbel, Joseph Francis, Jr.	Sevier, Ernest
Douglas, George Carlton	Langford, George	Sherwood, Edgar Dudley
Dunlap, David N	Langford, Thomas	Siedell, Arthur Charles
Emerson, Thomas Ruthven	Luther, Frank William	Sinclair, John Archibald
Everding, Louis Charles	Marvin, George D	Smith, James L
Faron, Lewis Holle	McCann, Charles Frederick	Spring, Obadiah Hill
Gallop, John Thomas	McCullins, David	Stewart, George E
Glennon, Patrick Joseph	McGeorge, John Frederick	Stoessiger, Julius Theodore
Graeter, Luther Drury	McKay, Richard	Stone, Wesley Whipple
Graham, John George	McLeod, John	Swanger, Samuel Adams
Graham, Wesley Charles	McNamara, William Jewett	Thompson, Hiram Freeman
Greenwald, Julius	Nelson, Aaron Frederick	Thompson, James Franklin
Haensel, Julius Heinrich Gus	Noe, Jesse Lafayette	Thompson, Sidney William
Hamilton, John	Noecker, Charles	Trost, John Henry
Harpst, Charles Isaiah	Ohman, Ignatius Joseph	Wentworth, Harris Barnes
Harpst, Cornelius N	Oliver, Frank Wright	Whipple, Stephen Grant
Hetfield, Albert DeForest	Patenande, Amos Oliver	Williams, George Frank
Hetherington, John, Jr.	Percy, Edwin Hudson	Wilson, Emet Wakeman
Hill, Randall	Phillips, Edwin S	Zaruba, Valcar
Horel, Francis	Pine, Safford Fay	Zehndner, George—119.
Houde, John Paul	Powell, Robert Baldwin	

DIED:

Hart, Plumer Frederick—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	106	Died.....	1
Exalted.....	12	Now borne upon the roll.....	119—120.
Affiliated.....	2—120.		

UKIAH CHAPTER, No. 53.

Ukiah, Mendocino County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

James Robert Mathews, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Charles Cunningham, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
John Henry Barker, <i>King</i> ,	John Herbert Saunders, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Fred Clark Handy, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Francis Marion Mason, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Samuel Wheeler, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	James Brown Benton, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Samuel Dihel Paxton, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Lawrence Joseph Reedy, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Lyman Wilbert Babcock, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	Norton Wagenseller, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Horace Cowen Rolfe, Wm. Lloyd Garrison Soule, Henry A Keller.
Thomas Jonathan Wilson,

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Andreson, John	Hook, John	Morse, Arthur Perry
Burrall, George Edward	Hubbard, Anthony Gerhart	Mott, Albert Clark
Clark, Horace	Hubbard, William Lewis	Oster, Frank Frederick
Cole, George Benjamin	Jacobs, Lewis	Ousterhout, Jere. Drake
Crafts, George Herbert	Kennedy, Robert James	Papenhausen, Henry
Davis, Milo Eugene	King, John Caleb	Porter, William Robert
French, George William	Knapp, Calvin Reason	Shaw, David Augustus
Gibson, James Alexander	Knox, John Thompson	Warner, Josephus D
Hanna, John Bennett	Lord, George	Wegnori, Henry Francis
Hart, Alexander Hamilton	McCullough, Wm. Pinkney	Wilson, Thomas Jefferson
Holt, Amos Kendall		—45.

WITHDRAWN:

Chamblin, Wilbur Newton	Deck, Lewis	La Rue, Jeremiah
Craig, William	Hobart, Charles H	Taylor, Albert Edwin—6.

DIED:

Kurts, Christian—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....47	Withdrawn.....6
Exalted.....4	Died.....1
Affiliated.....1—52	Now borne upon the roll.....45—52.

SIGNET CHAPTER, No. 57.

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Niles Pease, <i>High Priest,</i>	Jasper Newton Preston, <i>Pr. Sojourner,</i>
William Downie, <i>King,</i>	Arthur Brookman, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
George Webb Aylsworth, <i>Serje,</i>	Henry Glass, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Walter Clements Durgin, <i>Treasurer,</i>	John Calvin Cunningham, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Fred Martin Smith, <i>Secretary,</i>	Charles Wesley Blake, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Cornelius Welles Pendleton, <i>Capt. of Host,</i>	Daniel Picket, <i>Chaplain,</i>
	Milton Cephas Fordham, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests :

Robert Rufus Brown,	Trowbridge Hyer Ward,	John Amos Kingsley,
Rob. Gilmore Cunningham,	John Condit Haskell,	August Wackerbarth,
Charles Wilson Bush,	George Mortimer Holton,	Henry Sayre Orme, <i>P.G.H.P.</i>
Julius Herbert Martin,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Ainsworth, Frank Kenley	Clark, Charles Hardenburg	Habel, George Henry
Alexander, Edmund Kimball	Clark, William Hovey	Haight, Will
Alford, Chauncey Higby	Clippinger, Isaac Meason	Hamilton, Albert Newell
Alles, Fred Lind	Cochran, William George	Hammel, William Augustus
Anderson, Horace Philip	Cole, Jerritt Walter	Hansell, Edward
Arnold, George Leonard	Conklin, Hiram Hedges	Hathaway, Harry Richard
Bair, Darius H	Conradi, Simon	Hartup, Edmund
Baldwin, Cornelius Vanoy	Cook, Benjamin	Hay, James
Baldwin, Osmer Wheeler	Cooper, Henry Hill	Hayes, Louis Alexander
Barclay, David Eric	Cowan, John	Heartt, Charles Lawrence
Bard, Hampden Victor	Cox, Will James	Heinemann, Bernard Henry
Beck, Samuel James	Crank, James Fillmore	Hellmann, Herman Wolf
Bell, Jas. Edgar Stevenson	Crawford, John H	Hellman, Isaac Wolf
Bell, James George	Cuzner, James	Henderson, Wm. Hutchinson
Bell, William Middlemast	Damm, Andrew	Hill, Timothy Preston
Beryle, Robert	Davis, George Henry	Hinman, Clifford Irving
Bicknell, John Dustin	Dering, Thomas Roswell	Hoffman, John Kay
Billicke, Albert Clay	De Witt, Andrew Jackson	Hopkins, Fred Beech
Billington, Theophilus	Deyoe, Fred Theodore	Hornbeck, Charles
Boal, Robert Hughes	Dodge, Shailor Calver	House, Melancthon
Bonsall, William Henry	Donnell, John Alexander	House, Radcliff Frank
Bonyuge, Walter Alfred	Dougherty, Thos. Cadwalla'r	Howe, Alvin Jared
Bower, Euzema Clarence	Dowling, James Nelson	Hubbard, Albert Allen
Bowen, Calvin Case	Drakenfeld, Geo. Bartholo's	Humphreys, Chas. Harkness
Bowles, Ralph Amasa	Drought, Robert	Jacobi, Louis
Bradbeer, James H	Dunsmoor, Charles Henry	Jacobson, Christian Fred'k
Bradish, Avery Jackson	Dye, George Ellery	Jeffries, William Thomas
Brady, John Hyde	Earl, Edwin Tobias	Jewett, Stanley Punchardon
Branch, John Franklin	Eddy, Frank Cowen	Johnston, John Milton
Bray, Arthur	Eason, Charles H	Jordan, Franklin
Breed, Levi Newton	Elliot, Adolphus Fitz	Joy, Duane Francisco
Brodbeck, Otto	Esdor, William Henry	Judson, Edw. Staubt Maggie
Brousseau, Julius	Fairchild, Charles Herbert	Keller, Henry Workman
Brown, Albert	Ferguson, William	Kelly, Richard Washington
Brown, John Alexander	Field, Daniel Webster	Kenny, Robert Wolfenden
Brown, LeRoy Decatur	Fiscus, Joseph	Klobe, Charles
Bryson, Charles William	Flint, Frank Putnam	Knickerbocker, Niles
Bullis, Omri	Folsom, Niles Rathbone	Knotts, Harry Hope
Bundrem, Howard Graham	Ford, George Oscar	Koepfle, Joseph O
Burns, John	Francis, John Wilson	Kubach, Christian John
Burns, John Appleyard	Fraser, Alexander	Kuhrts, Jacob
Burr, Charles Martin	Freeman, Edwin Herbert	Lamb, Willard
Burr, William Orange	Furrey, William Corbett	Lane, Alexander F
Butler, Sidney Alcut	Gibson, Edward David	Lane, Fred J
Campbell, Charles	Gibson, Francis Asbury	Langdon, Fred Sylvester
Campbell, Edward Franklin	Gillespie, Samuel Smith	Lankershim, James Boone
Carter, Julius Munson	Gillis, William Templeman	Lawrence, Joseph Martin
Carter, William Bell	Golden, John William	Lawson, Lewis B
Cass, Alonzo Beecher	Gray, Andrew Tennant	Lehman, Charles Joseph
Cherry, Alexander	Graham, Robert John	Lightner, Daniel Westley
Choate, James Jefferson	Grubb, Oscar Edwin	Lindley, Hervey
Church, William James	Haas, Solomon Iramcher	Lindley, Samuel Kingston

Lindley, Walter	Park, John Simpson	Slocum, Albert Gardiner
Llewellyn, Llewellyn James	Parke, Elbert Taylor	Smith, Benjamin N
Llewellyn, Ruse	Partridge, Fred'k Warren	Smith, Henry Augustus
Llewellyn, William	Patterson, Henry	Smith, Ira Bacon
Lloyd, Henry Joseph	Pattison, Jas. Ham'n Wilson	Smith, Nathan Franklin
Long, James William	Paul, John Rink	Stead, Charles
Maguire, John Francis	Pavkovich, John Luke	Stephens, William Dennison
Mansfield, John Patrick	Peasley, Andrew	Stewart, Granville Quincy
Martin, Russell Clinton	Perry, John Sargent	Stewart, William
Martin, Thomas Morrow	Perry, William Hayes	Story, Norton Filmore
Mason, Charles Cole	Polaski, Lewis	Suits, Elihu Daniel
Mason, Henry D	Preston, Isaac Hubbard	Sutherland, David Munroe
Maxson, Geo. Washington	Reithmuller, Aloise Jean	Swarts, Charles Freeman
McAllister, Jas. Pinkerton	Reynolds, Elbert Wilson	Tebbs, Hiram Watson
McClure, Joseph Stewart	Rheinschild, George	Teed, Freeman Golding
McClurkin, William John	Richel, Carl	Teed, Matthew
McDonald, Edward Nathan'l	Rookwell, Lorenzo Anson	Thorne, Lewis
McIntire, Charles Ira	Bohrer, John Bonewitz	Thomas, Robert Shaw
McKinley, James Wilfred	Ruddy, William	Trobeck, John August
McManis, John Rodman	Russell, Daniel Lindsey	Trout, John Harry
McMillan, Isaac Alexander	Russell, Horace Marvin	Tucker, Milo Asen
Merrill, George Whitney	Salisbury, John Caleb	Van Doran, John Suydam
Merwin, Andrew Homer	Sargent, Edward William	Van Dyke, Walter
Meyers, Henry Lane	Seaborough, William Byron	Van Nys, Isaac Newton
Miles, David Edwin	Scheerer, Conrad	Variel, Rob't Henry Faunt'y
Miles, Nelson Appleton	Schmidt, Theodore August	Vignolo, Ambrogio
Millard, Spencer Gordan	Schoder, Joseph	Walker, Thomas Eaton
Montgomery, Jas. Andrew	Scott, Charles Otis	Ward, Oresan Alexander
Moore, Alfred, Jr.	Seaman, Wm. Washington	Watson, George Samuel
Moore, James Lamar	Seekatz, George Phillip	Webster, Stephen Merritt
Morgan, William Adams	Seip, George Edward	Wheeler, Frank M
Morrison, Norman Holt	Settle, John	White, Chas. Edmond Jeffries
Murray, John Emmett	Shaffer, John	White, William Hurd
Murray, Nelson Henry	Sheldon, Willard M	Whitson, Levi Henry
Murphy, Daniel	Sheridan, John Henry	Willard, Charles Dwight
Mussey, Nathan Dickinson	Shinn, William Hollis	Willard, Cyrus
Neuhart, Daniel, Jr.	Shriver, Levi Perry	Woodbury, Francis Chute
Newkirk, Adamson Bentley	Shorb, Andrew Stephen	Woodward, Millard Fillmore
Osborne, Henry Zenas	Shumway, Curtiss I	Yapp, Frederick George
Osmun, Silas Cook	Simons, Edward	Young, John William
Owens, Madison Townsend	Sinsabaugh, George	Young, Robert T—302.

PAST MASTER:

Platt, Robert Starke—1.

MARK MASTER:

Tate, Cyrus Francis Steel—1.

RESTORED:

Boring, William Alciphron	Judson, Lucius O	Slocum, Albert Gardiner—3.
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WITHDRAWN:

Archer, Richard Edwin	Childress, Wm. Townsend	McIlmoil, John
Boring, William Aloiphron	Christopher, John Francis	Nance, Benjamin Franklin
Brookman, Arthur	Judson, Lucius O	Packard, John Elwood—9.

RETURNS OF THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Burr, William Anthony

Mullard, Richard Thomas—2.

EXCLUDED:

Richards, Thomas William—1.

DIED:

Bosbyshell, Edward Christ'n Fowler, Edward Waring
 Burbank, David Reiser, Theodore

Weldon, Tom Jeremiah
 Weston, Samuel Cutler—6.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	282	Withdrawn.....	9
Exalted	18	Susp. for non-payment of dues	2
Affiliated.....	17	Excluded.....	1
Restored.....	3—320.	Died.....	6
		Now borne upon the roll.....	302—320.

SALINAS CHAPTER, No. 59.

Salinas, Monterey County.

Stated Meetings, fourth Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Henry Edwin Stafford, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Thomas Felix Faw, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Frederick William Schmechel, <i>King</i> ,	William Michael Vanderhurst, <i>R. A. Capt.</i> ,
James Crawford Menor, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Thomas Scott Mabel, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Mason Lorenzo Dexter, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Pearl Raymond Brown, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Arthur Johnson Abbott, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Elmer Zell Brokaw, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Victor Delmer Black, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	William Willis Joyce, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

William Vanderhurst, <i>P. G. H. P.</i> ,	John King Alexander,	Uldarico Hartnell,
Samuel Franklin Gell,	Mason Lorenzo Dexter,	James Ashley Webster.

ROYAL ARCH MASON:

Abbott, Carlisle Stewart	Chappel, Thomas	Hiller, Andrew
Abbott, George	Cook, Theodore Webster	Hitchcock, Benjamin
Abbott, Harvey Eldon	Cupples, William Henry	Hoffman, Christian
Ackworth, John	Eaton, Edwin Alexander	Hoffman, Henry
Archer, Samuel Milton	Edwards, William Sawyer	Housh, William Harvey
Ball, Henry Seymour	Fancher, James Knox Polk	Jacks, Will
Bennett, Charles Newton	Faw, George Eugene	Jackson, Alexander Bell
Bennett, John Barron	Fenton, Edward	Jepsen, Jacob
Brown, Andrew Washing'n	Graves, James Elbert	Jones, Edward Spencer
Brown, Clinton Edwin	Harnes, George	Joy, Charles
Oayer, Ovilla	Harris, James	Joy, John Greene
Chamberlain, Chas. Grand'n	Hill, William Jay	Kent, Henry Edmund

Lambert, Thomas Grafton	Patterson, Alexander	Suively, James Bowman
Logwood, Samuel Hall	Pinkerton, William	Steinbeck, John Ernest
Logwood, William Mayfield	Porter, John Brewer	Sutton, William
Manuel, Augustin Antoine	Porter, Robert Lindsay	Taft, William Henry
Martin, William Jefferson	Benison, Thomas	Trimmer, Oliver Smith
McGarvey, William Victor	Reynolds, John	Tuttle, Charles Kirkham
Nissen, Christian	Schroeder, Frederick Wm.	Uttley, George
Norton, Andrea Massena	Skiff, Hermon Albert	Whitober, Charles Rose, Jr.
Palmer, Hiram Jairus	Smeitzer, M. Jacob Grove	Widemann, Alfred—81.
Parker, Wm. Matticks Rog's		

WITHDRAWN:

Gibson, Thomas

Riley, James Alexander—2.

DIED:

Boyers, Carey Lee

Hatton, William

Smith, Lovias—3.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....85	Withdrawn.....	2
Exalted.....	1—86. Died.....	3
	Now borne upon the roll.....	81—86.

COLUSA CHAPTER, No. 60.

Colusa, Colusa County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Joseph Bailey Cooke, <i>High Priest</i> ,	John Burris De Jarnatt, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Claude Edward De St. Maurice, <i>King</i> ,	Tennent Harrington, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Robert Cosner, <i>Scribe</i> ,	John Charles Mogk, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Edward Winslow Jones, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Selig Rummelsberg, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Burr Hudson Mitchell, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Jacob Henry Miller, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
John Lowry Jackson, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Emile Jacobson, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priest:

Joseph Bailey Cooke.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Ayer, Leonard Barnhard	Hubbard, William Henry	Sites, William Franklin
Bungarde, George	Jones, James Thaddeus	Stanton, Joseph Byron
Cheesney, John	Liening, John Henry	St. Maurice, Geo. Edw. De
Clark, Reuben	Noble, William Wallace	Swinford, Edwin
Elliott, Henry Baker	Robinson, Oscar	Thayer, Albert Austin
Fouch, John Franklin	Seawell, Josiah Lauderdale	Wilson, Cyrus Pogue—32.
Furth, Jacob	Sites, John	

Mason, William Farrington—1.

Jones, Richard Buster, William Harrison Harden, George Beaty—4.
Gray, Rotheus Augustus

Mitchell, Louis Edwin—1.

On roll per last report.....	38.	Withdrawn.....	1
		Susp. for non-payment of dues....	4
		Died.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	32—38.

San Diego, San Diego County.

OFFICERS:

Past High Priests:

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Altkin, John <i>R</i>	Bushyhead, Edw. Wilkerson	Douglas, Charles <i>H</i>
Allison, Juan Manuel	Cameron, Thomas Ross	Flick, Warren Jay
Anderson, Charles	Campbell, Chas. Alexander	Fournier, Ferdinand
Arnold, Gilbert Conger	Capps, Edwin Morris	Goldbaum, Simon
Asher, Josephus Marion	Carl, Irving <i>L</i>	Grow, Galusha Benton
Babcock, Milton Stout	Cave, Daniel	Harbison, John <i>S</i>
Bass, John Duncan	Clark, John Milton	Hardy, Charles Saunders
Bowers, William Wallace	Clemmens, Andrew	Hawkins, William Albert
Bradt, Garrett Garreon	Conroy, John	Hearne, Joseph Carter
Bradt, Horace	Craigue, Solon William	Hill, John Spears
Bullis, William Shufelt	Crosthwaite, Philip	Hinton, John Brundridge
Burgess, Edward Ezekiel	Dill, Albert Freeman	Hitchcock, David

Hylund, Charles John	McLure, Louis Steenrod	Rouland, Niles Peter
Jackson, Jacob Young	Mumford, John Valentine	Schneider, Arnold
Kimball, Frank Augustus	Murphy, Walter Herbert	Shaw, Thomas Montague
Long, Charles Douglas	Nerney, Thomas Alexis	Simpson, John Henfrey
Louis, Emanuel J	Olmstead, Stephen Horatio	Stewart, William Wallace
Luce, Moses Augustine	Patterson, Charles Fremont	Thomas, Richard A
Lyke, Charles William	Powers, Robert Morris	Thonstrup, Julius Arendt .E
Marks, Joseph	Reed, David Curtis	Thurman, John
Matfield, George Henry	Remondino, Peter Charles	Weineke, Henry William
Matthiessen, Albert Henry	Rockfellow, Eugene Francis	Winsby, Enoch—84.
McDougal, Wm. Bradford		

MARK MASTERS:

Marquardt, Hans

Taylor, Harry Scott—2.

WITHDRAWN:

Fenn, Charles Mervin—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Thompson, William Fife

York, Charles E—2.

DIED:

Jewell, William Shepherd

Plaisted, Leland Howard—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....82	Withdrawn..... 1
Exalted..... 6	Susp. for non-payment of dues... 2
Affiliated..... 1—89.	Died..... 2
	Now borne upon the roll..... 84—89.

SAN LUIS CHAPTER, No. 62.**San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo County.***Stated Meetings, first Friday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Fred Adolphus Dorn, <i>High Priest,</i>	Kaufman Green, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
George Breck Staniford, <i>King,</i>	Joseph Lind, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
John Whicher, <i>Scribe,</i>	Simon Hempel Hanson, <i>Master 3d Val,</i>
Henry Lobliner, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Jease Elisha Lewis, <i>Master 2d Val,</i>
Edward Vollmer, <i>Secretary,</i>	Charles Jay Russell, <i>Master 1st Val,</i>
Ralph Parker Sutliff, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Andrew Williamson, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Levi Rackliffe,
Frederick Adams,

William Harrison Spencer,
Kaufman Green,

Philip Francis Bready,
Fred Adolphus Dorn.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Ballou, Stephen Davis	Haabrouk, Abram Bruyn	Peazzoni, Batista
Barger, Daniel Edwin	Hays, William Williams	Phillips, Chauncey Hatch
Beck, Hiram Jefferson	Hoff, Marcus Jacob	Poland, Henson
Blackburn, Daniel Drew	Hollister, John Hubbard	Pollard, Samuel Adams
Booth, Alfred Roger	Ide, Bela Clinton	Profumo, Pietro Benedetto
Brooks, Benjamin	Jack, Robert Edgar	Reed, Charles Henry
Bonnetti, Julien Clementini	Johnson, Charles Orick	Righetti, Robertino
Call, Samuel Johnson	Johnston, Hosea Holcomb	Robbins, Fred Olmstead
Carter, Wirt Ludore	Kaetzel, Philip	Sandercrook, William
Cass, James	Lasar, Isaac	Smith, Edwin
Crocker, Adolph	Lasar, Marcus	Smith, William John
Dallidet, Pierre Hyp'ite, Jr.	Latimer, Benjamin Griffith	Speyer, David
Douglas, Gerard Noel	Lucas, William Thomas	Steinhart, Alphonse Wash.
Evans, William	McCoy, George Watson	Storey, George
Farnum, Charles Alson	Michael, Geo. Washington	Tognassini, Antonio
Filliponi, Denis	Muir, Jeremiah	Tognassini, Peter
Garrison, Daniel Marcus	Muscio, Abramo	Tomasini, Louis
Greenberg, Meyer	Muscio, Guiseppi	Victors, Henry
Goldtree, Morris	Netter, Nathan	Watson, James William
Hardie, Angus McPherson	Nichols, George Burritt	Williams, Thomas Jeffreys
Harkinson, Robert	Noah, Louis Meyer	Wilson, Stephen Britton—81.
Harloe, Marcus	Noah, Meyer	

MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS:

Pomero, Frank	Glass, James Hargis	West, John Franklin—5.
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WITHDRAWN:

Rice, Coffee Adam	Wood, Beder Junior—2.
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RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	60	Withdrawn.....	2
Exalted.....	3—83.	Now borne upon the roll.....	81—83.

ST. HELENA CHAPTER, No. 63.

St. Helena, Napa County.

Stated Meetings, Thursday on or before Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

Wm. Whittingham Lyman, <i>High Priest</i> ,	George Wilhelm Schmidt, <i>Prim. Sojourner</i> ,
John Henry Steves, <i>King</i> ,	Charles Frederick Rice, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
James Mitchell, <i>Scribe</i> ,	William Alexander Bingham, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Charles Hayden Greenfield, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William Wirt Bradbury, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Charles Ross Vann, <i>Secretary</i> ,	James Jackson McIntire, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Benj. Franklin Kettlewell, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	David Galewsky, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priest:

William Whittingham Lyman.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adamsen, Christian Pugh	Johns, Josiah	Ritchie, Mathew G
Boland, Michael Sixon	Lander, George	Rocca, Andrew
Burgess, Charles Metzgar	Meacham, Henry Martin	Shakespear, David
Delafield, Robert Hare	Pellet, Frank	Trainor, Louis Howard
Foss, Raymond	Phillips, William Lucas	Williams, Alton Levant
Inman, Marcus Fayette	Pickett, Charles Nathan	York, Eli McBride—30.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report30. Now borne upon the roll.....30.

ACACIA CHAPTER. No. 64.

Adin, Modoc County.

Stated Meetings, second Saturday after Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS :

Joseph Fernand Lapoint, <i>High Priest</i> ,	John Sebastian Fruits, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Geo. Freelon Hueston Rice, <i>King</i> ,	Charles John McCoy, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Morris Blasse, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Warren Dale Packwood, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Albert Blasse, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Francis Marion Kesselring, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
George Horace Knight, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Frank Pierce Parrish, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Joseph Richardson, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Elsley Wiman Groves, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

George Horace Knight, Charles John McCoy.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Curran, Henry David	Lapoint, Gonzague Louis	Rice, Charles William
Groves, Jerome Charles	Massingill, William Alwin	Roseberry, Thomas Alex.
Hopkins, Leonidas Hamlin	Parrish, Joseph Franklin	Stanley, Ransom Heenan
Hill, Charles Edmund	Reavis, James Jones	—23.

PAST MASTERS:

Grubbs, Eliaba Parker Saling, Richmond—2.

WITHDRAWN:

Lewis, James Clinton—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....23 Withdrawn..... 1
 Exalted 2—24. Now borne upon the roll.....23—24.

ANTIOCH CHAPTER, No. 65.*Antioch, Contra Costa County.**Stated Meetings, Saturday preceding the Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

George Holladay, <i>High Priest,</i>	Charles Mortimer Belshaw, <i>Pr. Sojourner,</i>
———, <i>King,</i>	Solon Thayer Metcalf, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
John Thomas Cox, <i>Scribe,</i>	Worth Scott George, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
———, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Henry Fuller Beede, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Granville Franklin Foster, <i>Secretary,</i>	Rasmus Emil Hansen, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Joshua Plummer Abbott, <i>Capt. of Host,</i>	George Alexander Minaker, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

James Carter,	Charles Mortimer Belshaw,	George Holladay.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Baker, Josiah Rio	Miller, George	Storey, Walter
Cole, James Cairus	Montgomery, Chas. Franklin	Trythall, John Henry
George, Frank	Norman, John	Veale, Richard Raines
Grant, Peter Buell	Simmons, Harry	Walton, Mark Anthony
Graves, Hiram Augustus	Smith, Nathaniel Woodhull	Webber, David—26.

WITHDRAWN:

Booth, Frank Edward—1.

EXCLUDED:

Darby, Daniel Gibson	McKellips, Stephen Horace	Wightman, Joel David—3.
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RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	28	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted	2—30.	Excluded.....	3
		Now borne upon the roll....	28—30.

DORIC CHAPTER, No. 66.*San Leandro, Alameda County.**Stated Meetings, second Saturday after Full Moon in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Andrew Gove Roberts, <i>High Priest,</i>	Amel Briar Cary, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
William Berry McKenzie, <i>King,</i>	Godfrey Vivian, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Fritz Stenzel, <i>Scribe,</i>	Brady Washington Marlin, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
August Bjorkman, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Ernest Mulford Keyes, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Benjamin Cowell Hawes, <i>Secretary,</i>	John Fred'k Ernst Hopper, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Herman Francis Schluster, <i>O. of the H.,</i>	Neils Henriksen, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

George Edwin Kennedy,	John Glover Reid,	Andrew Gove Roberts.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Anspacher, Simon	Orooks, John Crisholm	Meek, Harry Wort
Aylward, John	Crooks, John Edward	Meek, William Ellsworth
Bailey, Hiram	Fassett, Francis Bonello	Mitchell, John Lawrence
Bardellini, Joseph	Gerst, Garrison	Pitcher, Henry Hinsdale
Beck, Madison Hartwell	Hayes, John Carey	Seller, Samuel
Bilger, Frank William	Holmes, Nathaniel Breed	Shiman, John Ludwig
Bowles, Jesse	Huxley, Thomas Charles	Stone, Andrew L
Bridger, Lyman	Johnson, George	Stone, Egbert Barker
Brier, William Wallace	Landers, William John	Taylor, William Stewart
Brunner, Harry Ernest	Marlin, Henry Bowers	Wells, Charles Samuel
Clark, Alson Sherman	McKown, Joseph Oscar	Wright, William Henry—48.
Orellin, Ernest Willard		

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Bernal, Dennis Filbert	McLeod, Andrew Jackson	Smith, James Dale
Fowler, Frank Leon	Newell, Edward Charles	True, George Lewis—6.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	54.	Susp. for non-payment of dues....	6
		Now borne upon the roll	48—54.

RIVERSIDE CHAPTER, No. 67.

Riverside, Riverside County.

Stated Meetings, second Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Geo. Dimock Cunningham, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Howard Thomas Hays, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Charles Wesley Filkins, <i>King</i> ,	Byron M Longfellow, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
John T Jarvis, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Edward McIntosh Stanton, <i>Mas. 3d Vail</i> ,
Gaylor Rouse, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Charles Richard Gray, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Menno S Bowman, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Edward B Stewart, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Joseph Sibley Noyes, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	George Mortimer Skinner, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Menno S Bowman.	Wilson Byron Russell,	Samuel Bond Hinckley.
John Saxon Castleman,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Alguire, Myron	Boggs, Augustus Washing'n	Davis, Edward James
Allatt, Horace Edmund	Bonham, John	Deere, George Henry
Allen, Benjamin Franklin	Burrill, Oliver	Drinkwater, Thomas Paine
Alderman, Edwin B	Cox, John Henry Dutcher	DuBois, Louis O
Baker, Judah Sears	Oulpepper, Sampson Wm.	Dunbar, Frederick Martin
Barber, Rio Delos	Cundiff, Robert Preston	Dyer, Otis Theron

Fountain, Jabez Husted	Jarvis, Joseph	Rice, Charles Thomas
Garcelon, George William	Jenkins, Robert Theodore	Richardson, Frank Watson
Gunsolus, Philip Andrew	Keith, Walter Elmer	Sanborn, Kingsbury
Gregory, Lyman	Klinefelter, Peter K	Sayward, James Wheaton
Hall, Priestly	Lawrence, Morton L	Shugart, Kelita Davis
Hamilton, John Alex. Wm.	Martin, Achilles	Smith, Howard Burton
Handy, Benjamin Bumpas	McLeod, John William	Stanton, Edward B
Henshaw, Latin R	Mitchell, David G	Sulcer, Abraham Andrew
Holbrook, George Robert	Newman, Gustavus Olivia	Thrall, Jerry Beecher
Hornbeek, Eugene	Newman, Louis Henz	Tresler, Sydney Penney
Howard, George Edward	North, John Greenleaf	Way, Ellsworth Henry
Huff, Melvin B	Papineau, Otley	Widoman, Oliver Perry
Jackson, Lewis Edward	Reynolds, George N	—71.

WITHDRAWN:

Haight, Ira Crawford	Locke, Benjamin Franklin	Williams, B Budd—5.
Holt, Amos Kindall	Miller, Frank Augustus	

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....62	Withdrawn..... 5
Exalted.....10	Now borne upon the roll.....71—76.
Affiliated..... 4—76.	

HOLLISTER CHAPTER, No. 68.

Hollister, San Benito County.

Stated Meetings, second Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Daniel Fredk. Havelock McPhail, <i>H. Pr.</i> ,	Eugene Ellsworth Bolton, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Wilhelm Peter Steinbeck, <i>King</i> ,	Samuel Clark Freela, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Judson Gerould Hamilton, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Arthur Himelius Coy, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
George Wapple, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Wm. Voss Hollingberry, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Erwin Sanford Logan, <i>Secretary</i> ,	John Thomas Lowe, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Wm. Francis Dalsell, Jr., <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	William Clayton Asher, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Thomas Flint, Jr.,	Nash Corwith Briggs,	James Henry Tebbetta.
Thomas Flint, Sr., <i>G. K.</i> ,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Briggs, Nash Corwith, Jr.	Kimball, James F	Norton, Roscoe Green
Cargill, Charles Guy	Ladd, Leonard Murch	Rea, George Elmer
Coleman, Harry	Mitchell, George Francis	Rosenberg, Marcus
Ounning, Francis Asbury	Montgomery, Edward B	Sargent, James Alexander
French, Theodore Hugh	Moore, Samuel Thomas	Shackelford, Rich'd Mathew
Frenzel, Erdman August	Nash, Francis Orlando	Shaw, George Eden
Hardin, Amos Marshal	Nash, Pontalba Lavique	Wilcox, Edward North—38.
Hecker, Henry		

WITHDRAWN:

Lipsett, Archie—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report .....36	Withdrawn..... 1
Exalted 3—39.	Now borne upon the roll.....38—39.

TRIGO CHAPTER, No. 69.**Fresno, Fresno County.***Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

George Hayes Monroe, <i>High Priest,</i>	Duncan Campbell McDougall, <i>Pr. Sojour.,</i>
Duncan Donald Allison, <i>King,</i>	James Wiley Smith, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Mark Webster, <i>Scribe,</i>	John McMullen, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Oscar J Woodward, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Westwood James Baker, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
George Clayton Grimes, <i>Secretary,</i>	Angus Marion Clark, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Charles Lewis Walters, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Cornelius Yager, <i>Chaplain,</i>
	Samuel Nathaniel Smith, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Angus Marion Clark,	George Clayton Grimes,	James Alfred Webster.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bachman, Nathan La Fay's	Flint, William Reed	Ross, Samuel Hawes
Badger, Charles Taintor	Gilbert, Julius Langdon	Shoobert, Chas. Waldron S.
Barling, Alfred Dare	Goldstein, Alexander	Sill, Theodore Lee
Bradford, Ward	Hedges, Henry Philip	Smith, Albert Anderson
Borden, Hartwell Cook	Hoffman, Henry Fletcher	Smith, George Washington
Butler, Alban Bernhard	Hughes, Thomas Edwin	Stroud, John Allen
Child, Benjamin Wainwright	Hughes, William Marshall	Sumner, John M
Collins, Alfred Scott	Kaarsburg, Hans M. Hagen	Taylor, James
Collins, James Darwin	Knowles, William Edward	Valentine, Edward Sharp
Cox, Elmer Henry	McDonald, Alex'der Monroe	Wagner, James Daniel
Davis, William Ellsworth	McDonald, Donald James	Warner, Henry Conrad
De Long, Charles Warren	McDonald, Richard Henry	Watkins, John Wesley
Depew, William Brenning	Miller, Frederick Marvin	White, James Riggs
Dexter, Fred. Bartelle	Nelson, Thomas Pleasant	White, John James
Donahoo, Michael Jefferson	Norris, Charles Henry	Whitson, Jacob Emery
Dusy, Frank	Parsons, George Groton	Williams, Alonzo Coleridge
Dwyer, John	Phillips, William Walker	Williams, John Robert
Earey, Justin	Ring, William Charles	Williamson, Charles
Ferguson, John William	Rosenthal, Nathan	Young, Joseph Walter—71.

WITHDRAWN:

Martin, Samuel—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Brown, James Ewing	Edwards, Edward Darnall	Russell, Henry Davis—3.
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EXCLUDED:

Sayle, Claudius Galen	Snow, Bert Grant—2.
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DIED:

Mace, Russell Perry	Soms, George David—2.
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RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	77	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted.....	2—79.	Susp. for non-payment of dues....	3
		Excluded.....	2
		Died.....	2
		Now borne upon the roll.....	71—79.

ALAMEDA CHAPTER, No. 70.**Alameda, Alameda County.***Stated Meetings, first and third Saturdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Elmer Ellsworth Johnson, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Benjamin Salisbury McFarland, <i>Pr. Sof'r.</i> ,
John Henry Eickhoff, <i>King</i> ,	Wm. Augustus Lindley Knowles, <i>R.A. Cap.</i> ,
John Ethan Chappell, <i>Sortbe</i> ,	Wm. Bainbridge Storey, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Henry Sevensing, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Franklin Lumnis Perkins, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Oswald Lubbock, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Joseph Frank Forderer, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Peter Klein, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Henry Peters Decker, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

John Henry Eickhoff,	Fred. Wm. Gustave Moebus,	William Bainbridge Storey.
Wm. Augustus L. Knowles,	John Yablonsky,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Ames, George Spencer	Hunter, James	Sheeran, James Andrew
Barton, Phineas Wesley	Jones, William Price	Smith, John Alexander
Boehmer, Fritz	Konigshofer, Julius Jonas	Spreckels, Richard
Brown, Cyrus Austin	Lancaster, Americus Vesp's	Stephenson, Stanley
Daniel, James	Martin, David Wilkins	Stoddard, Asa Church
Dorwin, George Wadsworth	McGoun, Robert	Strong, Milton Grosvenor
Dubbs, Willis Snowden	Michaels, Henry	Sturtevant, George
Ellsworth, John	Mitchell, Sidney George	Sullivan, Dennis Joseph
East, Judson Lincoln	Payne, George Henry	Volberg, Charles Christian
Fletter, Freeborn Jacob	Perkins, Alfred Thomas	Wall, Joseph George
Granger, Farley Benj., Jr.	Petersen, Carl Christ'n Aug.	Williams, Edward Alfred
Halsey, Henry Luther	Pettes, William Ethan	Woodin, Eugene
Haskell, Walter Williams	Pitchford, John Benjamin	Woodward, Arthur Sedley
Hogeboom, Law'ce Vosberg	Reynolds, George Potter	—55.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

Pattison, Edward Adolphus—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Holts, William—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Thom, Charles Jefferson—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....56	Withdrawn..... 1
Affiliated..... 1—57.	Susp. for non-payment of dues.... 1
	Now borne upon the roll.....56—57.

TULARE CHAPTER No. 71.**Tulare, Tulare County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Mondays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

William Pierce Ratliff, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Randolph Ray, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Robert Lincoln Reid, <i>King</i> ,	Calvin Lewis Russell, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Basil Gaither Parker, <i>Scribe</i> ,	James Winard Davis, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Edward Oakford, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Anson Parsons Hall, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Samuel Richardson, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Robt. Thompson McMillan, <i>Mas. 1st Vail</i> ,
John Albert Goble, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Calvin Cecil Brock, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

George Washington Zartman,	Randolph Ray,	John Albert Goble,
Jacob Franklin Boller,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Allen, William Stanford	Kramer, Alexander Sanes	Slits, John Jacob
Arnold, James	Maples, Thomson William	Taggart, Charles Ferdinand
Barber, Emmet	Madden, David Washington	Taggart, Thomas Erwin
Blythe, Samuel Allison	Madden, Wash'ton Douglass	Wallace, Hamilton
Deitrick, James	Main, William Henry	Warner, Joseph Henry
Eckles, John Graham	Mitchell, Mike	Wilson, John Lewis
Faust, Geo. Andrew Willis	Oakes, Frederick Orrick	Walfrom, Jacob
Gowanlock, James	Shakelee, Joseph Wilson	Woodruff, David Seymour
Hardie, Philip Gosil	Smith, William Lenor	—40.

WITHDRAWN:

Owrell, William Albert,—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....39	Withdrawn..... 1
Exalted 2—41.	Now borne upon the roll.....40—41.

CROWN CHAPTER, No. 72.**Pasadena, Los Angeles County.***Stated Meetings, second Tuesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Edward Everett Gaylord, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Adoniram Monroe Bettes, <i>Pr. Sojourner</i> ,
Oscar Otto Freeman, <i>King</i> ,	Julius Albert Jacobs, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Charles Joseph Willet, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Alonzo Ebenezer Bisbee, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Sherman Washburn, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William D Turner, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Romayne Williams, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Albert Wilson Roche, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Patrick Brown, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Neils Lewis Thompson, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Romayne Williams,	Arthur Henry Conger,	Eugene Cook Griffith.
Florin Lealie Jones,	Amos Myron Collins,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Arnold, Delos	Gray, Francis Edward	Pierce, Edward Timothy
Atlee, William Augustus	Greeley, George Augustus	Porter, Lafayette Seward
Banbury, Jabez	Grinnell, Fordyce	Rhodes, Charles Hilliard
Biles, Frederick Eugene	Hartwell, John Lovekin	Rose, Henry Howard
Bly, Alph'eo Albert Willetts	Hodge, Jacob Sylvester	Sandham, Frederick
Bonham, Perry Pollock	Holmes, James Huston	Slater, John Richard
Bonner, Lewis Henry	Hughes, James Barr	Smith, Charles Arnett
Brown, Charles Cowan	Johnson, Waldo Paschal	Steil, Peter
Clapp, William Taylor	Keyes, Charles Henry	Swift, Charles
Clarke, James	Klock, Aaron Robert	Thorns, Alfred
Cole, Galusha M	Longley, Leonell Anzoletto	Vail, Hervey J
Conger, Everett Lorentus	MacIntock, John Russell	Vlier, John Kasper
Davies, Edward William	Magee, Harvey W	Wakeley, Alfred
De Pencier, Elias Theodore	Martin, Thomas Jefferson	Wakeley, William Henry
Drake, Alexander Cooper	May, Ernest Heath	Webster, Thomas Henry
Elliott, Charles Henry	McDonald, John	Weed, Oscar F
Fortury, Geo. Washington	McGillvray, William Donald	Winter, Thaddeus
Foshay, James A	McLachlan, James	Wood, Almon
Frary, Leander Warren	Mohr, Richard Jacob	Woodward, William Lewis
Gabriel, Horatio Mortimer	Morris, Homer	Wotkyns, Walter Livingston
Gardner, Charles Andrus	Ocheltree, Gilbert Brydon	Wright, George Elmer
Goltman, ThomasWinches'r	Patten, George Downing	Wright, Walter Savage—82.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

Miller, George—1.

PAST MASTERS:

Dalrymple, Nat. Andrew

Howe, Edward Tucker—2.

WITHDRAWN:

Moasher, Evan

Ottman, Gilbert Almon—2.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Rockwood, Frederick Leslie—1.

DIED:

Crowell, Luther Jenney

Perry, Miles John

Vallette, Frank Henry—3.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	80	Withdrawn	2
Exalted	5	Susp. for non-payment of dues...	1
Affiliated	8—88.	Died	3
		Now borne upon the roll	82—88.

ORANGE CHAPTER, No. 73.**Santa Ana, Orange County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday on or before Full Moon in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Charles Abiel Mead, <i>High Priest,</i>	Marion Albert Menges, <i>Pr. Sojourner,</i>
Allen Jefferson Wood, <i>King,</i>	James Thompson Smith, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
Nathaniel Mills Perry Close, <i>Scribe,</i>	Zephaniah B West, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Ira D Mills, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Samuel Hill, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
George Akerman Whidden, <i>Secretary,</i>	John Saxton Haywood, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
John Lewis Dryer, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Erastus Clinton Jones, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Carlos Frederick Mansur,	James William Towner.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Ball, Charles Dexter	Fairbanks, Harlan	Peabody, Henry Adams
Boyd, James Patton	Fife, Charles Cordelia	Pos, William de Ronder
Chilton, Robert Francis	Fosdick, Henry Oaro	Botan, John Albert
Collins, Isaac Lea	Hewett, Roscoe Edwin	Small, Lucien
Oone, Thomas Edward	Hill, Albert Curtis	Snyder, Andrew
Cotter, James Stapleton	Hogle, George Frederick	Townsend, Benj. Franklin
Culver, James Reed	Lamson, William Branford	Wade, Reuben Alex. Slavin
Davis, Phillip	Medlock, James Randolph	Weeks, George Warren
Dorman, Dudley Marvin	Mendelson, Marks	Woods, William Bell—42.
Edwards, William Rose		

MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS:

Diers, Henry	Hall, James H.	Wilder, James Dean—3.
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PAST MASTER:

Gildmacher, Levi—1.

RESTORED:

Dye, George Ellery—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Dye, George Ellery

Paul, John Rink—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....41	Withdrawn..... 2
Affiliated..... 2	Now borne upon the roll.....42—44.
Restored..... 1—44.	

HANFORD CHAPTER, No. 74.**Hanford, Kings County.***Stated Meetings, Tuesday on or after Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Lucius Ely Felton, <i>High Priest,</i>	Emmet Molet Friant, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Adolphus Gustavus Dollenmayer, <i>King,</i>	Reuben Edward Starkweather, <i>R. A. Capt.,</i>
Joseph Talbot McJunkin, <i>Scribe,</i>	John O Augsbury, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Robert William Musgrave, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Louis David Nathan, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Lewis O Dunham, <i>Secretary,</i>	George Xavier Wendling, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
William Henry Camp, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Joshua Benadom, <i>Guard.</i>

RETURNS OF THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

Past High Priests:

Charles C. Van Valkenburgh, Lucius Ely Felton.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Blakeley, Francis Algene	Henderson, Charles Udny	Newman, Samuel Jacob
Brown, Charles Rose	Hobler, Charles Jones	Palmer, Norman L.
Burris, David	Isaac, Frederick Neville	Rafailovich, Nicholas M
Crigler, John Christopher	Linsley, Carlos Sheldon	Robinson, James Shaw
Duval, Joseph James	Lovelace, Thomas James	Shore, Gilbert Edward
Goodman, Joseph	Melone, John Henry	Trewhitt, Wayne Douglas
Harbaugh, Will Richard	Nathan, Herman	33.

PAST MASTER:

King, Arthur Dale—1.

MARK MASTER:

Cunningham, Francis—1.

DIED:

Hackett, Henry—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....27	Died.....1
Exalted.....4	Now borne upon the roll.....33—34.
Affiliated.....3—34.	

KERN VALLEY CHAPTER, No. 75.

Bakersfield, Kern County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Alvah Russell Conklin, <i>High Priest,</i>	William Harris Cook, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Benjamin Brundage, <i>King,</i>	Daniel Bernard Jerrue, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
Wirt Robinson Macmurdo, <i>Scribe,</i>	Olaes Alex. Schmeidte, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
John M Keith, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Emil Dinkelspiel, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
John Chambers Morrison, <i>Secretary,</i>	Albert Clement Maud, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Julius Jacob Mack, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	———, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priest:

Alvah Russell Conklin.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Deacon, William Emmett	Jewett, Philo Dennis	Nicholson, Edw'd James H.
Dinkelspiel, Louis M	Miller, Isaac Leffler	—16.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

Green, Francis Harrison—1.

MARK MASTERS:

Blodget, Hugh Allen	Rice, Frank Sabrius	Weil, Alphonse—4.
Heineman, Simon		

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report... ..16.	Now borne upon the roll16.
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POMONA CHAPTER, No. 76.*Pomona, Los Angeles County.**Stated Meetings, second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Henry James Nichols, <i>High Priest,</i>	William Horatio Sanders, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Joseph Belton Garthside, <i>King,</i>	Frank Garcelon, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Benjamin Franklin Nance, <i>Scribe,</i>	John Wasson, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Francis Asbury Molineaux, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Ethan Allen Hibbard, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Selden Irving Ford, <i>Secretary,</i>	Erastus Taylor Manchester, <i>Mast. 1st Vail,</i>
Edw'd Henry Hutchinson, <i>Capt. of Host,</i>	John George Robertson, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priest:

Henry James Nichols.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Alden, Stephen	Given, Bryce Morrow	Kellogg, Charles Giles
Brasher, Horace Clyde	Griswold, Thomas Francis	Little, Frank Flavious
Camp, John Bradford	Hansen, Hans Broderson	Martin, William Thomas
Cook, John William	Hayes, Calvin Wesley	Metcalf, James Arthur
Dawson, Robert Wesley	Heath, George	Packard, John Elwood
Dole, John Henry	Howeth, Virgil Andrew	Soper, William Wallace—32.
Drifill, James Alexander	Huber, Orlando Henry	

MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS:

Crickmore, Joseph Clinton

Stower, Alexander Campbell—2.

WITHDRAWN:

Adams, Franklin White

Brookman, Arthur—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....24	Withdrawn.....2
Exalted.....5	Now borne upon the roll.....32—34.
Affiliated.....5—34.	

REDLANDS CHAPTER, U. D.*Redlands, San Bernardino County.**Stated Meetings, first Friday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Frank Pierce Meserve, <i>High Priest,</i>	Harvey Horne, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Charles H Hobart, <i>King,</i>	Albert Edwin Taylor, <i>Royal A. Captain,</i>
Wilbur Newton Chamblin, <i>Scribe,</i>	Charles Frederick Bailey, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
David D Wise, <i>Treasurer,</i>	———, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
———, <i>Secretary,</i>	Lewis Deck, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
William Craig, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Richard Setchfield, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priest:

William Craig.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Alder, William Henry Scott	Garland, Richard Harrison	Prescott, Frank Clarke
Burton, James Lee	Gore, John Wesley	Poundstone, Jacob
Brown, Charles Milton	Hatch, Albert Wilson	Patten, Herbert
Beard, Seymour Rogers	Hendrickson, And. Jackson	Reeder, Thomas Benton
Cook, William Omar	Kennard, Thomas John	Stearns, Augustus George
Cottrell, Joseph P	Landreth, Leandre Frankling	Stone, James Albert
Drake, James Frederick	Mitchell, Vinton Littleton	Sweesy, Geo. Washington
Dias, John Wallace Fox	Morrison, Frank Pierce	Wyman, Francis George
Eaton, Clement Hand	Phinney, Mellen Mosher	—26.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS:

Boley, Eldridge Mountford	Fish, Charles Edward	Williams, Silas—3.
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RECAPITULATION:

Petitioners for dispensation.....10	Now borne upon the roll36.
Exalted.....21	
Affiliated.....5—36.	

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LIST OF CHAPTERS NOW IN EXISTENCE,

WITH A SUMMARY OF THEIR RETURNS FOR THE TERM, TWELVE MONTHS, ENDING JANUARY 31, A. I. 2425.

NAMES OF CHAPTERS.	No. Chapter.	PLACE OF LOCATION.		DATE WHEN CHAPTER WAS ORDERED.	Marked.	Passed.	Received.	Exalted.	Annihilated.	Restored.	Withdrawn.	Excluded.	Suspension pay of dues.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Died.	M. Masters.	P. Masters.	R. A. Masters.	Dues to Gr. Chapter.
		TOWN.	COUNTY.																	
1 SAN FRANCISCO,	1	San Francisco,	San Francisco,	July 28, 1854.	12	12	11	11	4	1	4	5	6	6	1	7	1	1	428	\$321 00
2 SONORA,	2	Sonora,	Tuolumne, .....	" " "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37	37 75
3 SACRAMENTO,	3	Sacramento,	Sacramento,	" " "	2	2	2	2	6	2	3	...	...	...	...	3	1	1	273	204 75
4 EL DORADO,	4	El Dorado,	El Dorado,	April 30, 1855.	27	24	24	25	5	...	3	2	11	...	...	4	4	...	544	408 00
5 CALIFORNIA,	5	San Francisco,	San Francisco,	" " "	5	5	5	5	...	1	...	...	3	...	...	2	...	...	60	45 00
6 NEVADA,	6	Nevada,	Nevada, .....	" " "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	(a)
7 BENICIA,	7	Benicia,	Solano, .....	" " "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55	41 25
8 COLUMBIA,	8	Columbia,	Tuolumne, .....	" " "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9 SHASTA,	9	Shasta,	Shasta, .....	" " "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10 FOREST CITY,	10	Forest City,	Sierra, .....	" " "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43	32 25
11 SUTTER,	11	Sutter Creek,	Amador,	May 3, 1856.	2	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	42	31 50
12 MERCED,	12	Mercer,	Mercer,	" " "	1	1	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	119	89 25
13 MARYSVILLE,	13	Marysville,	Yuba,	" " "	3	3	6	6	4	1	...	1	8	...	...	2	...	137	102 75	
14 HOWARD,	14	San Jose,	Santa Clara,	" " "	8	6	7	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	78	68 50	
15 CYRUS,	15	Yreka,	Siakiyon,	" " "	5	4	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	87	27 75
16 ST. JAMES,	16	Placerville,	El Dorado,	May 8, 1857.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	(b)	...
17 LIBERTY,	17	Iowa Hill,	Placer,	" " "	3	4	6	6	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	80	60 00	
18 GRASS VALLEY,	18	Grass Valley,	Nevada,	May 7, 1858.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	19 50	
19 TRINITY,	19	Weaverville,	Trinity,	" " "	3	3	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	68	51 00
20 FRANKLIN,	20	Oroville,	Butte,	" " "	5	5	2	2	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	31	23 25
21 SIERRA,	21	Downville,	Sierra, .....	" " "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60	45 00
22 PETALUMA,	22	Petaluma,	Sonoma, .....	" " "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
23 OLIVER,	23	Forest Hill,	Placer,	May 6, 1859.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
24 LA FAYETTE,	24	Camptonville,	Yuba, .....	" " "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	10 50
25 GEORGETOWN,	25	Georgetown,	El Dorado,	May 4, 1860.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	24	18 00
26 OAKLAND,	26	Oakland,	Alameda, .....	" " "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
27 DELTA,	27	Auburn,	Placer,	May 10, 1861.	5	4	2	...	2	...	1	2	1	...	32	24 00

a - Dues unpaid. b - Estimated (no return).

a-Dues unpaid. b-Estimated (no returns).

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LIST OF CHAPTERS NOW IN EXISTENCE—CONCLUDED.

NAMES OF CHAPTERS.	PLACE OF LOCATION.		DATE WHEN CHAPTER WAS ORDERED.	Marked.	Passed.	Received.	Exalted.	Admitted.	Restored.	Withdrawn.	Excluded.	Sua. for non- pay of dues	Sua. Un. Con.	Expelled.	Died.	M. Masons.	Past Masters	M. E. Masons.	R. A. Masons.	Dues to Gr. Chapter.
	TOWN.	COUNTY.																		
66 DORIC.....	San Leandro.....	Alameda.....	April 26, 1885.	7	7	10	10	4		6		6							48	36 00
58 RIVERSIDE.....	Riverside.....	Riverside.....	April 26, 1886.	7	3	3	3	3		6									71	53 25
53 HOLLISTER.....	Hollister.....	San Benito.....	"	3	3	3	3	3		1									38	28 50
60 TRUO.....	Fresno.....	Fresno.....	April 27, 1887.	2	2	2	2	2		1	2	3			2				71	53 25
61 ALAMEDA.....	Alameda.....	Alameda.....	"	2	2	2	2	2		1		1						1	55	41 25
62 TULARE.....	Tulare.....	Tulare.....	April 17, 1889.	2	2	2	2	2		1		1							40	30 00
71 PASADENA.....	Pasadena.....	Los Angeles.....	"	7	7	5	5	3		2		1			3				82	61 50
72 SANTA ANA.....	Santa Ana.....	Orange.....	April, 22, 1891.	4	4	3	3	2	1	2					1	3			42	31 50
73 HANFORD.....	Hanford.....	Kings.....	April 19, 1893.	6	5	4	4	3							1	1			33	24 75
65 KERN VALLEY.....	Bakersfield.....	Kern.....	"	4	1	1	1	1							4	1			16	12 00
66 POMONA.....	Pomona.....	Los Angeles.....	April 18, 1894.	5	7	7	7	5	5	2									2	32 24 00
76 REDLANDS.....	Redlands.....	San Bernardino.....	April 17, 1895.	24	24	24	21	15										3	36	27 00
68				261	254	260	233	90	14	92	24	98			81	24	19	27	5157	3826 50

* Charter surrendered. † Charter revoked. ‡ Consolidated with Sonoma, No. 2. ¶ Consolidated with Alameda, No. 36, under name of Oakland, No. 34.

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TENNESSEE,	WM. A. CLENDINING,.....	Nashville.
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VERMONT,.....	WARREN G. REYNOLDS,.....	Burlington.
VICTORIA,.....	T. H. LEMPRIERE,.....	Melbourne.
VIRGINIA,.....	W. B. ISAACS,.....	Richmond.
WASHINGTON,.....	YANCEY C. BLALOCK,	Walla Walla.
WEST VIRGINIA,.....	ODELL S. LONG,.....	Charleston.
WISCONSIN,...	JOHN W. LAFLIN,.....	Milwaukee.
GEN. GR. CHAPTER OF U. S.,	CHRISTOPHER G. FOX,.....	Buffalo.

GRAND OFFICERS

Elected since the Organization of the Grand Chapter, July 28, A. I. 2384.

1854.

*CHARLES M. RADCLIFF, *Gr. High Priest.* *A. B. HOY,..... *Grand King.*
*JOHN D. CREIGH, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *HUGH G. PLATT, *Grand Scribe.*

1855.

*JOHN D. CREIGH, ... *Grand High Priest.* *WILLIAM W. TRAYLOR, ... *Grand King.*
*ISAAC DAVIS, ... *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *LEVERETT BRADLEY, *Grand Scribe.*

1856.

*ORANGE H. DIBBLE, *Grand High Priest.* WHITING G. WEST, *Grand King.*
*W. W. TRAYLOR, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *JAMES A. JACKSON, *Grand Scribe.*

1857.

*WM. W. TRAYLOR, ... *Grand High Priest.* WHITING G. WEST, *Grand King.*
THOS. H. CASWELL, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *JAMES A. JACKSON, *Grand Scribe.*

1858.

THOMAS H. CASWELL, *Grand High Priest.* *JAMES A. JACKSON, *Grand King.*
WHITING G. WEST, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *HENRY HARE HARTLEY, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1859.

WHITING G. WEST, ... *Grand High Priest.* *AARON D. PARK, *Grand King.*
*H. H. HARTLEY, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *LEWIS REYNOLDS, *Grand Scribe.*

1860.

*HENRY H. HARTLEY, *Grand High Priest.* *JAMES W. BICKNELL, *Grand King.*
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* *EZRA HOWARD VAN DECAR, *Grand Scribe.*

1861.

*HENRY H. HARTLEY, *Grand High Priest.* *EZRA HOWARD VAN DECAR, *Grand King.*
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* JOHN KIRKPATRICK, *Grand Scribe.*

1862.

*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, .. *Grand High Priest.* JOHN KIRKPATRICK, *Grand King.*
*EZRA H. VAN DECAR, .. *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* *CHARLES MARSH, *Grand Scribe.*

1863.

*EZRA H. VAN DECAR, .. *Grand High Priest.* *CHARLES MARSH, *Grand King.*
JOHN KIRKPATRICK, .. *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* WILLIAM A. DAVIES, *Grand Scribe.*

1864.

*ISAAC DAVIS, *Grand High Priest.* *CHARLES MARSH, *Grand King.*
JOHN KIRKPATRICK, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* WILLIAM A. DAVIES, *Grand Scribe.*

* Deceased.

1865.

JOHN KIRKPATRICK, .. *Grand High Priest.* WILLIAM A. DAVIES, *Grand King.*
 *CHAS. MARSH, .. *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *ISAAC S. TITUS, *Grand Scribe.*

1866.

*CHARLES MARSH, ... *Grand High Priest.* *ISAAC S. TITUS, *Grand King.*
 WM. A. DAVIES, .. *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *JOHN W. HARVILLE, *Grand Scribe.*

1867.

*ISAAC S. TITUS, *Grand High Priest.* *JOHN W. HARVILLE, *Grand King.*
 *JAS. A. JACKSON, .. *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* *GEORGE T. GRIMES, *Grand Scribe.*

1868.

*JOHN W. HARVILLE, *Grand High Priest.* *JAS. LAWRENCE ENGLISH, .. *Grand King.*
 *GEORGE T. GRIMES, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* JACOB H. NEFF, *Grand Scribe*

1870.

*GEORGE T. GRIMES, .. *Grand High Priest.* JACOB H. NEFF, *Grand King.*
 *JAS. LAW. ENGLISH, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* STEPHEN WING, *Grand Scribe.*

1871.

*JAS. L. ENGLISH, ... *Grand High Priest.* STEPHEN WING, *Grand King.*
 JACOB H. NEFF, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* *JOSEPH ISAACS, *Grand Scribe.*

1872.

JACOB H. NEFF, *Grand High Priest.* WM. THOMAS REYNOLDS, *Grand King.*
 *JOSEPH ISAACS, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* WM. ALEXANDER JANUARY, .. *Grand Scribe.*

1873.

WM. A. DAVIES, *Grand High Priest.* WM. THOMAS REYNOLDS, ... *Grand King.*
 *JOSEPH ISAACS, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* WM. ALEXANDER JANUARY, .. *Grand Scribe.*

1874.

WM. ALEX. JANUARY, *Grand High Priest.* *JOHN MILLS BROWNE, *Grand King.*
 WM. T. REYNOLDS, .. *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* HENRY HAY KNAFF, *Grand Scribe.*

1875.

WM. T. REYNOLDS, ... *Grand High Priest.* HENRY HAY KNAFF, *Grand King.*
 *ALEX. G. ABELL, ... *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* NATHAN W. SPAULDING, .. *Grand Scribe.*

1876.

*ALEX. G. ABELL, *Grand High Priest.* *JOHN MILLS BROWNE, *Grand King.*
 HENRY HAY KNAFF, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* NATHAN W. SPAULDING, .. *Grand Scribe.*

1877.

HENRY HAY KNAFF, *Grand High Priest.* NATHAN W. SPAULDING, .. *Grand King.*
 *JOHN MILLS BROWNE, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* WILEY JAMES TINNIN, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1878.

*JOHN MILLS BROWNE, *Grand High Priest.* WILEY JAMES TINNIN, *Grand King.*
 NATHAN W. SPAULDING, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* HENRY SAYRE ORME, *Grand Scribe.*

1879.

NATHAN W. SPAULDING, *Gr. High Priest.* HENRY SAYRE ORME, *Grand King.*
 WILEY JAMES TINNIN, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, .. *Grand Scribe.*

*Deceased.

LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS.

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1880.

WILEY JAMES TINNIN, *Gr. High Priest.* WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, *Grand King.*
HENRY SAYRE ORME, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* *LEONIDAS E PRATT, *Grand Scribe.*

1881.

HENRY SAYRE ORME, *Grand High Priest.* *LEONIDAS E PRATT, *Grand King.*
WM. MONROE PETRIE, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* *JONATHAN DOAN HINES, *Grand Scribe.*

1882.

WM. MONROE PETRIE, *Grand High Priest.* *JONATHAN DOAN HINES, *Grand King.*
*LEONIDAS E PRATT, *D. Grand High Priest.* EDWARD COLEMAN, *Grand Scribe.*

1883.

*LEONIDAS E PRATT, *Grand High Priest.* EDWARD COLEMAN, *Grand King.*
*JONATHAN DOAN HINES, *D. Gr. H. Priest.* BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE, *Gr. Scribe.*

1884.

*JONATHAN DOAN HINES, *Grand H. Priest.* BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE, *Gr. King.*
EDWARD COLEMAN, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* *MICHAEL JAMES KEATING, *Grand Scribe.*

1885.

EDWARD COLEMAN, *Grand High Priest.* *MICHAEL JAMES KEATING, *Grand King.*
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE, *D. G. H. P.* WILLIAM THOMPSON LUTHER, *Gr. Scribe.*

1886.

BENJAMIN F. TUTTLE, *Grand High Priest.* WM. THOMPSON LUTHER, *Grand King.*
*MICHAEL JAS. KEATING, *D. G. H. Priest.* WILLIAM VANDERHURST, *Grand Scribe.*

1887.

*MICHAEL JAMES KEATING, *G. High Priest.* WILLIAM VANDERHURST, *Grand King.*
WM. THOMPSON LUTHER, *D. Gr. H. Priest.* *CARNOT COURTLAND MASON, *Gr. Scribe.*

1888.

WILLIAM THOMPSON LUTHER, *G. H. Priest.* *CARNOT COURTLAND MASON, *Grand King.*
WILLIAM VANDERHURST, *D. Gr. H. Priest.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, *Grand Scribe.*

1889.

WILLIAM VANDERHURST, *G. High Priest.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, *Grand King.*
*CARNOT COURTLAND MASON, *D. G. H. P.* MILTON HILLS MYRICK, *Grand Scribe.*

1890.

FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, *Gr. High Priest.* WILLIAM BUCKLEY DAVIS, *Grand King.*
MILTON HILLS MYRICK, *Dep. Gr. H. P.* *CHARLES RAY GRITMAN, *Grand Scribe.*

1891.

MILTON HILLS MYRICK, *Gr. High Priest.* *CHARLES RAY GRITMAN, *Grand King.*
WM. BUCKLEY DAVIS, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD, *Gr. Scribe.*

1892.

WILLIAM BUCKLEY DAVIS, *Gr. High Priest.* ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD, *Gr. King.*
*CHARLES RAY GRITMAN, *D. G. H. Priest.* ADOLPHUS HEWEL, *Grand Scribe.*

*Deceased.

LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS.

1893.

*CHARLES RAY GRITMAN, *Gr. High Priest*. ADOLPHUS HEWEL,.....*Grand King*.
 ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD, *D. G. H. P.* THOMAS FLINT, SR.,.....*Grand Scribe*.

1894.

ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD, *G. H. Priest*. THOMAS FLINT, SR.,.....*Grand King*.
 ADOLPHUS HEWEL, *Dep. Gr. High Priest*. WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,...*Grand Scribe*.

1895.

ADOLPHUS HEWEL,...*Grand High Priest*. WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,...*Grand King*.
 THOMAS FLINT, SR., *Dep. Gr. High Priest*. ELI TUCKER BLACKMER,...*Grand Scribe*.

*Deceased.

GRAND CONVENTION
OF THE
ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTS
OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Thirty-sixth Annual Grand Convention.

The thirty-sixth Annual Grand Convention of the Order of High Priests of the State of California assembled at the Masonic Temple, on Tuesday, the sixteenth day of April, 1895, at eight o'clock, P. M.

There were present the following

OFFICERS :

The M. E. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....*President ;*
" R. E. JACOB HART NEFF, *Vice-President ;*
" R. E. THOMAS KYLE,..... *Chaplain ;*
" R. E. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE,..... *Treasurer ;*
" R. E. THEO. E. SMITH,..... *Recorder ;*
" R. E. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,..... *Conductor ;*
" R. E. ELI TUCKER BLACKMER,..... *Herald ;*
" R. E. ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD,..... *Steward.*

Also Companions ROBERT ASH, JOHN GOULD BISBEE, AMOS MYRON COLLIS, FREDERICK N GILLES, EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, CHARLES FAYETTE LOTT, CARLOS FREDERICK MANSUR, WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, and SAMUEL HOPKINS WAGENER.

The M. E. President made the following appointment *pro tempore* :—

Companion EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, *Master of Ceremonies ;*

And the Grand Convention was opened in *But form.*

The reading of the minutes of proceedings of the last Annual Grand Convention was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

Applications, accompanied by the proper certificates, were received from the following named Companions :—

WILLIAM EDMUND PRICE,.....	High Priest of <i>San Francisco</i> Chapter, No. 1			
JOHN WALTER BOYD,.....	" " " <i>Sacramento</i>	"	"	3
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN JELLISON,.....	" " " <i>California</i>	"	"	5
LEWIS CASS WITTENMYER,.....	" " " <i>Martinez</i>	"	"	31
WILLIAM PRESTON BUTCHER,.....	" " " <i>Corinthian</i>	"	"	51
EDWARD EVERETT GAYLORD,.....	" " " <i>Crown</i>	"	"	72
HENRY JAMES NICHOLS,.....	" " " <i>Pomona</i>	"	"	76
MORRIS ELMER DAILEY, Past High Priest of <i>Shekinah</i> Chapter, No. 44, of Riverton, Iowa, and a present member of <i>Howard</i> Chapter, No. 14, of this Grand Jurisdiction.				

Which applications were referred to a committee consisting of Companions SAMUEL HOPKINS WAGENER, WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, and JOHN GOULD BISBEE.

After due consideration the committee reported favorably ; whereupon the applicants were balloted for and duly elected to receive the Order of High Priesthood.

Companions WILLIAM EDMUND PRICE, JOHN WALTER BOYD, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN JELLISON, LEWIS CASS WITTENMYER, WILLIAM PRESTON BUTCHER, EDWARD EVERETT GAYLORD, HENRY JAMES NICHOLS, and MORRIS ELMER DAILEY, were severally introduced and received the Order of High Priesthood.

The Recorder reported the

RECEIPTS :

Fees from Candidates,.....\$40 00

DISBURSEMENTS :

Janitor,.....\$ 6 00

Recorder,.... 15 00

———— 21 00

Leaving a balance of...\$19 00

The next business in order being the election of officers for the ensuing year, the *M. E.* President appointed as tellers Companions WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE and SAMUEL HOPKINS WAGENER.

Ballots being taken the following named Companions were declared duly elected :—

The *M. E.* WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....*President* ;
 " *R. E.* JACOB HART NEFF,..... *Vice-President* ;
 " *R. E.* THOMAS KYLE,..... *Chaplain* ;
 " *R. E.* BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE,..... *Treasurer* ;
 " *R. E.* THEODORE EDWARD SMITH,..... *Recorder* ;
 " *R. E.* EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,..... *Master of Ceremonies* ;
 " *R. E.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,..... *Conductor* ;
 " *R. E.* ELI TUCKER BLACKMER,..... *Herald* ;
 " *R. E.* ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD,..... *Steward*.

The newly elected officers were then regularly installed.

There being no further business, the minutes were approved, and the Grand Convention closed in *His form*.

THEODORE EDWARD SMITH,
Recorder.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

OF THE

GRAND CONVENTION OF HIGH PRIESTS.

OFFICERS:

The M. E. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....	<i>President ;</i>
" R. E. JACOB HART NEFF,	<i>Vice-President ;</i>
" R. E. THOMAS KYLE,	<i>Chaplain :</i>
" R. E. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE,.....	<i>Treasurer ;</i>
" R. E. THEODORE EDWARD SMITH,.....	<i>Recorder ;</i>
" R. E. EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....	<i>Master of Ceremonies ;</i>
" R. E. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,	<i>Conductor ;</i>
" R. E. ELI TUCKER BLACKMER,	<i>Herald ;</i>
" R. E. ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD,.....	<i>Steward.</i>

MEMBERS:

Adams, Frederick	Bellamy, Benson Clark	Bush, Charles Wilson
Aitken, Robert	Benas, Solomon	Butcher, William Preston
Akerly, Benjamin	Besse, John Nelson	Bystle, Daniel Potter
Alexander, John King	Binney, Andrew Jackson	Campbell, Doran Lucius
Allan, Erskine	Bisbee, John Gould	Castleman, John Saxon
Allan, John E	Bishop, Amasa Wright	Caswell, Thomas Hubbard
Anderson, James Wright	Black, Samuel Thorburn	Chalmers, Alexander
Anthony, Edward Taylor	Blanchard, William Winfield	Charles, Abner Elias
Ascroft, Henry	Boyd, John Walter	Claiborne, Gilbert Burnett
Ash, Robert	Bradford, William P	Clements, John
Bangham, Eber Gaston	Bradford, Alex. Buchanan	Coglan, Charles Mortimer
Barker, William	Bragg, Ansel Melen	Cohn, Louis
Barnard, John Kirk	Brooks, Frank Howard	Coleman, Edward
Barnes, Benjamin Wilcox	Broder, Robert Ohidley	Coleman, John Crisp
Baras, Frederick Ferdinand	Brown, Josiah Perkins	Collis, Amos Myron
Beard, Elihu Burritt	Bryant, Allan	Crane, Lemuel Trescott
Begole, William Augustus	Burke, Martin John	Crawford, Isaac Samuel
Bell, James	Burr, Richard Palmer	Crawford, James Seth

Cressey, Edward Potter	Hosmer, John Allen	Miller, Allen Charles
Crocker, Nathan	Hudson, William George	Moon, James
Culbertson, Albert Thom'n	Hudson, William Gordon	Moore, William
Cunningham, Rob't Gilmore	Hunnewell, Freeman	Murphy, Charles Henry
Cutler, Thomas Barnes	Hurley, John	Myrick, Milton Hills
Dalley, Morris Elmer	Hutchings, Thomas Boyd	Nichols, Henry James
Dallam, Joseph Swain	Hyman, Jacob, Jr.	O'Donnell, Francis Henry E
Davis, William Buckley	Irwin, Alexander Cameron	Orme, Henry Sayre
Davis, William Henry	Irwin, Charles Fitzgerald	Patton, Charles Lewis
Dauchy, Arthur Homer	Jellison, Benj. Franklin	Petrie, William Monroe
Decatur, James Godfrey	Jones, Florin Leslie	Pierce, William Frank
Dickie, Albert Alexander	Kay, Wallace	Prager, Samuel
Dietterle, George	Keller, Henry A	Preuss, Edward Anthony
Dobrowsky, Adolph	Kellogg, Cornelius	Price, William Edmund
Douglas, William John	Kennedy, George Edwin	Purdy, John Elbridge
Drullard, Thompson Wilson	Kincade, John Thompson	Quire, Joseph Spencer
Dundas, Moubray Robert	Kincaid, Isaac Philanson	Rackliffe, Levi
Dunn, Daniel O	King, Charles James	Raynes, Alonzo Emery
Eppinger, Herman	Kirkpatrick, John	Ready, Philip Francis
Faulkner, Charles	Knapp, Henry Hay	Ream, Daniel
Flint, Thomas, Sr.	Knight, George Horace	Reed, Albert Levi
Flint, Thomas, Jr.	Knorp, Albert Frederick	Redpath, Robert
Foy, Samuel Calvert	Landrum, Carter	Richardson, Jerome Bonap'e
Fraser, Thomas	Last, Carl Fred'k Augustus	Robertson, Henry David
Gamble, William W	Lawson, Powell Samuel	Rock, John William
Gardner, Elias Delevan	Leach, Reuben	Rodgers, Edwin Aldrich
Gaylord, Edward Everett	Lemmon, Allen Bosley	Rogers, James Martin
Gell, Samuel Franklin	Lewis, James Clinton	Rogers, Sam'l Josiah Smith
Giles, Frederick N	Litchfield, Joseph Miller	Rolfe, Ianthia Jerome
Gillett, Charles Edwin	Lithgow, John	Rooney, Robert Flemming
Glover, John Russell	Lockwood, John Ranshaw	Rounds, George
Goldsworthy, John	Long, William Giles	Rucker, Hiram Newton
Goumaz, Philip Jacob	Lott, Charles Fayette	Seely, John Ambrose
Graham, Thomas Jefferson	Lott, Henry Charles	Sexton, Warren
Grant, Kenneth Peter	Luther, William Thompson	Singley, James
Graves, Hiram Throop	Lyman, Wm. Whittingham	Skinner, John Dodd
Green, Kaufman	Mann, Orrin Francis	Smith, David Charles
Gunsolus, William Henry	Mannon, James Milton	Smith, Robert Press
Hallin, Christian Theodore B.	Mansur, Carlos Frederick	Soule, Wm. Lloyd Garrison
Halsey, Abraham	Marsh, Martin Luther	Spaulding, Nathan Weston
Hare, Edward Taylor	Marzen, Joseph, Jr.	Steel, Thomas Hugh
Harmon, Rufus Burnham	Mason, John Clifton	Sternheim, Samuel
Hartnell, Uldarico	McBride, John Storer	Stone, Charles E
Haskell, John Condit	McFayden, John William	Storey, William Bainbridge
Haskell, William Barnabas	McFarland, Abel	Stout, George Washington
Hays, Wilson	McFarland, Thos. Alonzo	Surface, John Whitten
Hayward, Alvinza	McGlashan, Charles Fayette	Sweany, John
Hellwig, Charles John	McKenzie, George Alex.	Taylor, Olav Webster
Hewel, Adolphus	McMurray, Valentine Cook	Thompson, John Waldo
Hiller, John N	Mehon, Morris	Tinnin, Wiley James
Hilton, Osgood	Menzies, Stewart	Towner, James William
Hinds, Peter Richmond	Merrill, Nathaniel	Vanderhurst, William

Variel, Joshua Hutchings	Walker, James	Wilcox, Wilbur Justus
Variel, Robert Fauntleroy	Waters, James	Wilhelm, Theodore Henry
Voorhies, Edward Converse	Webster, James Ashley	Wilson, Thomas Jefferson
Wackerbarth, August	Weil, Joseph	Wing, Stephen
Wagener, Samuel Hopkins	Wells, William Henry	Wittenmyer, Lewis Cass
Walbridge, John Morris	Weymouth, James Lambert	Wolfe, William Greene—241.

DIED:

Browne, John Mills	Knox, Wm. Franklin	McDaniels, Rowland Jackson
Gritman, Charles Ray	Locke, Isaac Stanwood	Stansfield, Halstead--6.

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ADOLPHUS HEWEL, Modesto.

Address of the Grand Secretary :
THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, San Francisco.

Address of the Grand Lecturer :
THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, San Francisco.

NOTICE.

The Forty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of California will be holden at the Masonic Temple, in the City of San Francisco, commencing on Tuesday, the twenty-first day of April, A. I. 2426, A. D. 1896, at 10 o'clock A. M.

THOMAS H. CASWELL,
Grand Secretary.

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Grand Chapter of California.

I, THOMAS H. CASWELL, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California, do hereby certify that the following pages contain a true and faithful transcript of the proceedings of that Body, at its Forty-second Annual Convocation, commenced at the City of San Francisco on Tuesday, the twenty-first day of April, A. D. 1896, A. I. 2426, and of the returns of the subordinate Chapters and other matters authorized to be published.



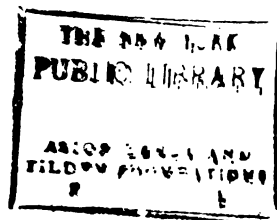
In Testimony Whereof,

I have hereunto appended my official signature, and have affixed the Seal of the Grand Chapter of the State of California, at the City of San Francisco, this twenty-fifth day of April, A. D. 1896, A. I. 2426.

Thos H. Caswell,

Grand Secretary.

1. The first part of the paper discusses the importance of the role of the state in the development of the economy. It argues that the state should play a leading role in the development of the economy, particularly in the areas of infrastructure, education, and health care. The paper also discusses the importance of the role of the private sector in the development of the economy, particularly in the areas of innovation and entrepreneurship.





A. Hewell

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OF THE
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OF
Royal Arch Masons
OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
AT ITS
FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVOCATION,
HELD AT THE
Masonic Temple, City of San Francisco;
COMMENCED ON
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, A. D. 1896, A. I. 2426,
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OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

For the year commencing April, A. I. 2426, and ending April, A. I. 2427.

M.:E.: THOMAS FLINT, SR.,..... GRAND HIGH PRIEST,..... San Juan;
R.:E.: WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.. DEP. GRAND HIGH PRIEST, .Oakland;
R.:E.: ELI TUCKER BLACKMER,. ... GRAND KING,..... San Diego;
R.:E.: FLORIN LESLIE JONES,..... GRAND SCRIBE,..... Pasadena;
R.:E.: FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,..... GRAND TREASURER,..... San Francisco;
R.:E.: THOS. HUBBARD CASWELL,, GRAND SECRETARY,..... San Francisco;
E.: CHARLES E STONE,.... GRAND CHAPLAIN,..... Marysville;
E.: THOS. HUBBARD CASWELL,, GRAND LECTURER,..... San Francisco;
E.: EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, GRAND CAPT. OF THE HOST, .Stockton;
E.: SAM'L HOPKINS WAGENER, GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAP'N, San Jose;
Comp. SAMUEL DAVID MAYER,.... GRAND ORGANIST,..... San Francisco;
" JAMES OGLESBY,..... GRAND GUARD,..... San Francisco.

GRAND CHAPTER

OF

Royal Arch Masons

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Forty-second Annual Convocation.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California commenced its forty-second Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the City of San Francisco, on Tuesday, the twenty-first day of April, A. D. 1896, A. I. 2426, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Upon calling the roll of members, there were found present the following—

GRAND OFFICERS:

The M. E. ADOLPHUS HEWEL,	.....	Grand High Priest;
" R. E. THOMAS FLINT, SR.,	.....	Deputy Grand High Priest;
" R. E. WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,	.....	Grand King;
" R. E. ELI TUCKER BLACKMER,	.....	Grand Scribe;
" R. E. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,	.....	Grand Treasurer;
" R. E. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,	.....	Grand Secretary;
" E. THOMAS KYLE,	.....	Grand Chaplain;
" E. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,	.....	Grand Lecturer;
" E. FLORIN LESLIE JONES,	.....	Grand Capt. of the Host;
" E. EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,	.....	Grand Royal Arch Captain;
Comp. SAMUEL DAVID MAYER,	.....	Grand Organist;
" JAMES OGLESBY,	.....	Grand Guard;

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

The M. E. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,	.....	Past Grand High Priest;
" M. E. JACOB HART NEFF,	.....	" " " "
" M. E. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,	.....	" " " "
" M. E. WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS,	.....	" " " "
" M. E. HENRY HAY KNAFF,	.....	" " " "
" M. E. WILEY JAMES TINNIN,	.....	" " " "
" M. E. WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,	.....	" " " "

DISPENSATIONS.

But three applications were made to me for dispensations: two of which, being for permission to ballot for candidates at other than stated meetings, were refused by me, as not within the power conferred upon me by the Constitution.

On June 26th, I granted to *San Francisco* Chapter, No. 1, a dispensation to ballot for a candidate without previous reference to a committee. While not in favor of such action generally, in this case the reasons assigned for the request were, in my judgment, entitled to a favorable consideration, and, it being within the constitutional power conferred upon the Grand High Priest, I granted the request, requiring them, however, to give due notice to all the members, prior to taking such ballot.

NECROLOGY.

Only a short year ago M.: E.: Companion ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD presided, in the chair now occupied by me, over your deliberations. Those of you who then saw him, apparently in robust and vigorous health, hardly past the prime of life, little thought that in a few short weeks the dread angel of death would summon him to enter the vails of eternity, into the presence of the heavenly Grand Council, to render an account of his labors here on earth. The announcement of his death came to me as unexpected as a clap of thunder in a clear sky. I had no intimation that he was ill when I received the telegram announcing his death, at his residence in Georgetown, on the twenty-second day of June, 1895. The news did not reach me until past the time set for his funeral. I was therefore deprived of the opportunity, by my presence thereat, to testify to the esteem and regard I entertained for our departed companion, and pay the last tribute of respect to his remains.

Companion CRAWFORD was born in Castine, Hancock County, Maine, on January 29th, A. D. 1833. He came to this State in 1852, and shortly after his arrival settled in El Dorado County, wherein he has continued to reside up to the time of his death. He was made a Master Mason in *Georgetown* Lodge, No. 25, on the nineteenth day of June, 1861; became its Worshipful Master in 1871; served it as such during the years 1871, 2, 7, and 1881 to 1884.

He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason, November 11, 1870, in *Georgetown* Chapter, No. 25, and was elected High Priest of said Chapter in 1877. served that year, and thereafter was re-elected as such in 1880, and for sixteen consecutive years, up to the time of his death, being thus probably the oldest High Priest, by service, in this jurisdiction. He was appointed Grand Captain of the Host of this Grand Chapter in 1890; afterwards, by election, filled all the various stations, until April, 1894, when he was elected M.: E.: Grand High Priest, in which capacity he served one year.

In civil life, Companion CRAWFORD has filled various positions, in all of which he manifested a desire to do his duty conscientiously and to deal justly with all men. His death leaves a void in every circle of which he was a member.

A widow and six children mourn the loss of an affectionate husband, a loving and kind father. In their bereavement they have our most heartfelt sympathy and condolence.

On the first day of September last, the news flashed over the wires: "WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER died this morning." The heart of every Mason in this jurisdiction was filled with poignant grief and regret, for none knew Brother BELCHER but to love him.

Comp. BELCHER, notwithstanding his prominent position in the Masonic World, was never an active member of this Grand Body. I first find his name upon our rolls as a member of *Washington* Chapter, No. 13, in the City of Marysville, in the year 1857. In 1859, he served his Chapter as Secretary and also in 1860. In 1861-3-4, he was its Principal Sojourner. Shortly after this time, for business reasons, he removed to the City of San Francisco, where he continued to reside up to the time of his death; and, as he did not wish to sever his membership and connection with *Washington* Chapter, he was thus deprived of the opportunity to reach the station of High Priest in his Chapter, by which alone, he could become an active member of this Grand Body, wherein he was only received as the duly accredited Representative of the Grand Chapter of Vermont, his native State.

But, whilst never an active member of this Grand Body, I doubt whether for the last twenty years, there has presided herein a Grand High Priest who has not applied to, and received from Brother BELCHER advice and assistance in matters relating to Masonic Jurisprudence. As to myself, when, during last year, this Grand Chapter became involved in litigation, Companion BELCHER was the one to whom I naturally looked for assistance, and when, before applying to him, I consulted with other members of this Body, they all, without exception, were of the same mind. Applying to Companion BELCHER, he at once tendered his services to this Grand Chapter and evinced as enthusiastic an interest in its welfare and concerns, as his well-known love for everything appertaining to Freemasonry led us to expect. Unfortunately, his untimely death did not permit this Grand Body to reap the benefit of the services, so readily and freely tendered.

At the last Communication of the Grand Lodge of F. and A. M. of this Jurisdiction, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother JAMES BAUNTY STEVENS, in his address to that Body, in an eloquent eulogy, pays a glowing and merited tribute to the worth of our departed Companion, from which I may be permitted to quote:

"For thirty-five years he was a conspicuous figure in the Grand Lodge of California. During all the years of his Masonic life, he gave it patient, faithful and untiring service; it was, in every sense, a labor of love—an individual interest and solicitude for Masonry.

"For three years he was Grand Master, and for twenty-eight years Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence. In this capacity he did his best and most successful work. To be convinced of this, you have but to take the annual reports and see the evidence of his superior skill. He was the most thoughtful and considerate man for the feelings of others that I have ever known. Whenever he made a ruling on a point of Masonic law, those who may have differed with him well knew that he had but one grand object in view—that of promoting the best interests of the Order he loved—and when he found occasion to differ with a Grand Master upon some decision, he has been known, time and again, to seek a private interview, that he might explain the reason of the adverse opinion he entertained. The kind and paternal interest he manifested on such occasions was most touching. The tender regard for the opinion of his fellow members on the committee, of which he was so long Chairman, was likewise remarkable. While all were ever ready to defer to his wisdom, his experience and his superior judgment, he never seemed conscious of it, and was never too much hurried to patiently consider and give due weight to the suggestions of his confreres. No one was more polite and courteous in debate, always yielding to his opponent as much as he asked for himself; and though, after due deliberation, his views and principles were unchanged, he never misrepresented nor wronged those who differed from him.

"Born with a capacity for development of the best qualities of mind and heart, Brother BELCHER was a specimen product of nature. Inherent worth was his birthright; culture and refinement were the outgrowth of self effort and the environments of the age in which he lived. His aim and ambition was to be useful, accomplish good and render a lasting service to humanity. Not an ambition

which dwarfs the affections and prostitutes the soul to wordly clamor, but an ambition to daily apply the golden rule of life. This was his constant and sturdy purpose, and was pursued unfalteringly to the end. His modesty amounted to diffidence; he scorned sensationalism and shrank from publicity; he was deeply sensible of the appreciation of his brethren, and when at the last Annual Communication he was met with the unanimous request to deliver an address on Masonic Law at this meeting, it stirred the deepest emotion of his noble nature. To him it was the quiet expression of the love and veneration of the Craft in the declining years of his useful life. To have posed him as the central figure on some festal occasion, would have filled him with embarrassment and feelings not at all to his liking. The time has arrived when we should have listened to the summing up of his ripe Masonic scholarship. But, alas! his seat is vacant; his voice is hushed forever. By the workings of a mysterious Providence, he does not greet us in fulfillment of his last important engagement. His spotless life was an example worthy of all imitation; his death leaves a great void in our ranks, and to-day the Masons of California are mourning the loss of their most distinguished Craftsman."

The removal from our midst of Companions CRAWFORD and BELCHER has left a void difficult to fill. Their kind, genial faces, we shall see no more; their cordial, fraternal greetings, their loving welcome at our annual gatherings in this temple shall never again gladden our hearts. Their cheerful voices, wont to assist us with wise and wholesome counsel, we shall hear no more. Yet when we consider that such is the fate of man; that in the midst of life, we are in death; that none of us know how soon we ourselves may be summoned to "Bring up our work for inspection;" when the first poignancy of grief is past, it will be tempered with the reflection: That they have but preceded upon the road we all must travel.

"Sooner or later, what matters it when
We leave the censure or praise of men!
What matters it how, if our souls are blest
In the love that guideth to perfect rest."

Our sister Jurisdiction of New York mourns the death of the M. E. REES GIBBON WILLIAMS, a Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of that State, who died at his residence in the City of Utica, on the 23d day of December, 1895.

But a short time prior to his death, I had commissioned Companion WILLIAMS as the Representative of this Grand Chapter, near the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York. The Excellent Companion, however, did not live to present his commission and be received as our Representative.

BY-LAWS.

I have approved numerous amendments to the By-Laws of different Chapters, all of which were on the subjects of "Fees," "Dues," and "Time of Meetings," over which the several Chapters have jurisdiction, and which will be reported to you by the Grand Secretary.

All of these amendments were, before being approved, accompanied by the proper certificate, although in several instances I had to return them to the Secretaries for amendment of the certificate. I would, in connection herewith, call the attention of Secretaries of Chapters to the necessity of their examining both their own By-Laws as to the requirements of amendments and the General Regulations on the subject before making their certificates, as by so doing they will save themselves the annoyance of having their work returned for correction, and will certainly relieve the officers, charged with the approval of their work, of a great deal of altogether unnecessary trouble.

I received from *Sacramento* Chapter a Code of By-Laws, adopted by it, which I declined to approve, for the reason that they differed from the Uniform Code, and had not been adopted and were not certified to as required by General Regulation No. 23. The correspondence connected herewith will be submitted to the proper committee.

DECISIONS.

On the twenty-fourth of September last, I received an appeal, in conformity with Sec. 1, Art. XIX, of the Constitution, from a ruling made by the E. High Priest of *Crown* Chapter, No. 72. The facts stated and the ruling appealed from are as follows:

At a stated meeting of the Chapter three candidates were balloted for and declared elected. The ballot-box used contained none but white balls, all the black balls had been removed therefrom prior to the meeting. This fact was discovered during the balloting, but was not communicated to the E. High Priest until after the closing of the Chapter. Objection to the validity of the ballot being made, the High Priest, with the concurrence of the Grand Council, decided: that the ballot was valid and must stand; that the degrees would be conferred upon the candidates, unless objection was made, or an appeal taken. From this decision a constitutional number of the members of the Chapter appealed; the High Priest himself furnished the statement, and also requested my judgment on his ruling.

I decided that no legal ballot could be had in a Masonic body without a ballot-box properly furnished with the necessary means to permit the expression of either a favorable or an unfavorable vote—that is to say, with both white and black balls or cubes.

Such a box not having been used, the ballot was illegal, null, and void. I ordered the ballots to be set aside, and new ballots had.

II. A petition for the degrees was received by the Secretary of a Chapter, without the fees. The same was handed by him to the High Priest and referred by the latter to the proper committee. After a favorable report thereon, the candidate was balloted for, and declared duly elected to receive the degrees. Subsequently, and before the next stated meeting, the candidate handed the fee to a member of the Chapter (who was the Secretary elect, but not yet installed). At that meeting, the outgoing Secretary, just prior to the installation of the new officers, informed the High Priest that the fees for the degrees of the brother in question were not in his hands (both High Priest and Secretary knowing that they were in the hands of the companion about to be installed Secretary). The High Priest thereupon declared the ballot had, null and void, on the ground that the fees were not then in the hands of the Secretary, and ordered the petition to be again referred to a committee. The matter was then submitted to me for my decision, but without any formal appeal.

I held: that the order of the High Priest was unauthorized and illegal. The provision of the Constitution, Sec. 5, Art. XVII, is operative and mandatory upon members of the Chapter only, and not upon the candidate. When the petition was handed to the Secretary, it was his duty to demand the fees with it; and when he received it without the fees, then submitted the same to the High Priest and to the Chapter for action, without at the time disclosing the fact of the non-payment of the fees, he, by such action, became responsible to the Chapter for the amount.

I advised that the E. High Priest vacate and set aside his order annulling the election of the candidate to receive the degrees, and all action had in the Chapter based upon that order, and thereupon proceed to confer the degrees on the candidate, unless an objection should be interposed.

III. Question : (a) Is an application properly before the Chapter when the name is not signed in full?

(b) Is an application properly before the Chapter when the fee does not accompany the same?

(c) Does it heal an irregular application by supplying the omissions in the absence of the applicant?

(d) When an applicant has been rejected on the grounds above stated (see a, b, c above), if said application should be declared irregular, does the applicant stand before the Chapter as though no ballot had been taken?

Answer : (a) Anything is properly before the Chapter which the Excellent High Priest brings before it ; but a petition not signed by the applicant with his full name should not be received by him. (*See General Reg., No. 9.*) Such a petition should be returned to the applicant for correction by the order of the High Priest.

(b) The fee must in all cases accompany the petition. (*Sec. 5 of Art. XVII, Constitution.*) It is the duty of the Secretary not to receive a petition without the necessary fees ; if he does so, and presents the same to the High Priest for action, without disclosing the fact that the fees do not accompany it, he thereby makes himself responsible to the Chapter for the amount ; if he discloses the fact of the non-payment of the fees at the time, then the High Priest should order the petition returned to the applicant, unless some member present pays the same.

(c) It does not as to (a), but does as to (b).

(d) He stands as though he had made no application.

IV. Question : A candidate having been elected in a Chapter to receive all the degrees, having received the fourth, fifth and sixth, moves away from the place where the Chapter is located, afterwards ; upon the request of the Chapter and at his instance, he receives the Royal Arch degree in a Chapter at the place to which he has removed ; of which Chapter does he become a member?

Answer : Of the Chapter wherein he was elected to receive the degrees upon his signing the By-Laws thereof. Membership can be acquired in an existing Chapter in but two ways—either upon an election to receive the degrees after having so received them, or upon an application for affiliation ; in each case the applicant having received an unanimous ballot must complete his application by signing the By-Laws.

Numerous other questions were asked and answered by me, but as they were all on matters of well-settled and generally understood Masonic Law, I do not deem it necessary to trouble you with their recital, but shall submit the correspondence connected therewith to the Committee on Jurisprudence, should any question arise thereon.

BENICIA CHAPTER, No. 7.

As is evident from the address of my predecessor, *Benicia Chapter was*, at the date of our last Convocation, and for some time prior thereto had been, in a moribund condition ; but this Grand Chapter, mindful of the memories, clustering around the Altar of this, one of the oldest Chapters of our jurisdiction, on the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, referred the whole matter to me, in order

that if possible, its life might be preserved ; with instructions however, that if such result was impracticable, to arrest its charter and wind up its affairs.

Immediately after the close of the last Convocation, I addressed the following letter to the E. . High Priest of said Chapter.

" MODESTO, May 4th, 1895.

" *E. . Allen Page Sanborn, High Priest of Benicia Chapter, No. 7.*

" DEAR SIR AND COMPANION :—At the Convocation of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M., just closed, in the Address of the M. . E. . High Priest, the following reference to your Chapter is made: After relating the ineffectual correspondence with yourself and the Secretary of your Chapter, to arrange for a meeting of the Chapter, for the purpose of receiving an official visit, the M. . E. . High Priest says:

" 'On January 31st I visited Benicia and after conversation with the High Priest and such other of the companions as could be found, I discovered a truly deplorable condition of affairs. The Chapter had not held a meeting for eighteen months; it had not been represented in this Grand Chapter for five years preceding this session; the companions appear to be divided into several factions, and some are, as the High Priest says, *not on speaking terms*; and it appears from what I could learn by conversation with them, that there is no possibility of their ever healing their differences; their troubles grew out of the building of a new hall, for which they incurred a large debt; some other matters of difficulty between Masons caused sides to be taken, and bitter things were said, and many terms not Masonic were used among the members in reference to companions, and finally politics got into the trouble, so that it looks that the day of usefulness of the Chapter had passed. They do not seem to manifest any of the spirit of charity or forgiveness, which should distinguish Masons. I first had a mind to suspend the charter until this meeting, but considering the associations that cluster around that noble old Chapter and the noble Masons, who have assembled around its Altar, and at the earnest appeal of several Companions I concluded to let the matter rest, and report the facts for your judgment.'

"The foregoing was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and upon the report of that Committee, was by the Grand Chapter referred to me for further investigation and action.

"Now my dear companion, the above presents a very gloomy and unpromising aspect for the continued usefulness of *Benicia Chapter*, as it is difficult to see how, under existing circumstances, assuming the above to represent the true condition of your Chapter, the arrest of the charter can be avoided; yet I am loth to resort to that measure without making every effort in my power to place you on a better footing, with the view to continue your valued Chapter (one of the oldest in this jurisdiction) on our rolls. For this purpose I now appeal to you, to communicate with the members of your Chapter; if possible, get a sufficient number to form a quorum, to agree to a meeting, fix your own time; if you succeed in this, and upon notice from you of the time agreed upon for the meeting, I will come to you to see whether the ties which should unite us all in the bonds of fraternal love, are of sufficient strength to overcome the dissensions which entered into your midst; reunite your severed companionship; restore peace and harmony to your Chapter, and thereby preserve it as a valued member amongst the Chapters under our jurisdiction. Whether you succeed in arranging a meeting or not, I urgently request you to favor me, at your earliest convenience, with a full and complete statement of the present condition of your Chapter, the causes which have brought about this condition, together with any suggestion you choose to favor me with, as to what can be done in the premises.

"In the meantime, believe me, sincerely and fraternally yours,

" ADOLPHUS HEWEL,
Grand High Priest."

"P. S. I have enclosed a copy of this letter to several of the companions of your Chapter, and requested them to co-operate with you in bringing about a meeting."

To which I received the following reply :—

" BENICIA, May 10th, 1895.

" *Adolphus Hewel, G. H. P., Modesto, Calif.*

"DEAR SIR AND COMPANION :—Replying to your favor of May 4th, 1895, many of our members are employed on the steamer *Solono*, which is at present being rebuilt in Oakland. Their presence is necessary to form a quorum, and when they return I will endeavor to hold a meeting and see if it is possible to put our Chapter in working order.

"The steamer is expected to return in about one month, and then, if I find that by your assistance we can improve matters, I will write you and gladly avail myself of your aid. If not, I will write you a statement of our work and endeavor and leave the matter in your hands. Fraternally,

"A. P. SANBORN, *High Priest Benicia Chap., No. 7, R. A. M.*"

At the same time that I wrote to the High Priest, I addressed the following to a number of the companions of Benicia Chapter :—

"OFFICE OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST, MODESTO, May 4th, 1895.

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION :—A letter, of which the enclosed is a copy, has been addressed by me to the High Priest of your Chapter. It explains itself.

"Will you please consider the same as addressed to you personally, and, to further the object sought to be obtained, favor me with a statement of the facts in so far as they are within your knowledge, leading to the unhappy and regrettable condition of your Chapter, and, if possible, co-operate with Companion A. P. SANBORN to bring about a meeting with your Chapter, at which, if you succeed in bringing it to pass, I propose to be present, to consult and confer with you all personally.

"Please show this letter to as many of the companions of your Chapter as you can reach.

"Hoping to be favored with an early reply from you, I remain,

"Sincerely and fraternally yours,

"ADOLPHUS HEWEL, *Grand High Priest.*"

From none of the companions, to whom the above letter was sent, have I been favored with a reply.

More than ten months have elapsed since the above letters were sent, without my receiving any further communication from the High Priest, notwithstanding his promise, and I was about to take action in the matter, when I learned from the Grand Secretary that the Chapter had recently held several meetings, made its returns, and paid the Grand Chapter dues. I therefore went to Benicia on the fourteenth day of this month to ascertain in person its present condition. Companion SANBORN, the High Priest of the Chapter, was absent, but I met Companion PARRITT, its Secretary, and was by him taken to the Chapter Hall, where I examined the records, from which it appeared that some time in January, and again in March, a number of the companions had met and attempted to transact business; the Chapter, however, had not been opened on any degree. Upon inquiry, I ascertained that such was their usual custom. When they met, the Chapter would be called from refreshment to labor, and they would proceed immediately to the transaction of business. On looking over the records, I found that such had been their usual mode of procedure for more than ten years last past. The Secretary informed me that, as far as he knew, the Chapter had not been opened by (what he called 3x3) since 1890, on which occasion they adjourned without closing. From what I could gather from him, the Chapter, at the present time, has no officer or member who knows sufficient of the work to properly open or close a Chapter of R. A. M.

Their minutes and records are in a most deplorable state, disclosing the grossest ignorance of the principles on which the business of a Chapter should be conducted; for which, however, I am indisposed to throw much blame on the present officers, as this state of things has descended to them as an heirloom from their predecessors. Notwithstanding this condition, the companions whom I met expressed a strong desire to be permitted to retain their charter, promising to improve themselves in the work, and professing a belief in their ability to successfully maintain a Chapter, founded on the fact that they have at present thirteen members, out of twenty on the roll, who, if convenient, will meet

together, and that they have two petitions for the degrees ready to be handed in as soon as they can amend the By-Laws, and thereby reduce the fees to thirty dollars. In my judgment, however, the Chapter has outlived its usefulness. It has no Lodges to draw from except Benicia Lodge, No. 5 (itself, from internal dissensions, in an unsatisfactory condition). Martinez Chapter is within three miles of it, just across the straits. Naval Chapter, at Vallejo, is but seven miles distant, and Suisun Chapter is only about fifteen miles from Benicia. Yet, in view of the fact that this condition of things has existed so long, I preferred to refer the whole matter back to the Grand Chapter for such action as, in its wisdom, may seem just and proper.

CERNEAUISM.

I now come to the consideration of a subject which has been for a number of years past the one formidable source of disturbance and ill-feeling in the organized bodies of Masonry, not alone in this State, but in most of the other States of this great American Union, and has led to a great deal of acrimonious debate, dissension, and discord in numerous Grand Bodies of the Craft, resulting, however, in almost every instance, in the unqualified condemnation of the efforts, made by its unscrupulous advocates, to propagate this palpable Masonic fraud, and to cajole young and inexperienced Masons into the purchase of fraudulent, clandestine, and worthless (so-called) Masonic Degrees, until, as I am informed, at the present time, not less than twenty-seven different Grand Bodies of the different Masonic Orders have, either by amendment to their Constitutions or by General Regulation, under the sanction of heavy penalties, prohibited their members from holding Masonic intercourse with the Cerneau bodies, and denounced them as fraudulent, clandestine, and worthless.

In the year A. D. 1884, our late Companion LEONIDAS E. PRATT, then Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, in his annual address, called the attention of this Grand Body, in strong and forcible language, to the "selling, peddling, and hawking of what were pretended and alleged to be Scottish Rite Degrees, under the pretended authority of a spurious body (self-styled) the Cerneau Council, or the Supreme Council of the A. A. S. R. for the United States of America, their territories and dependencies," by a lot of peripatetic Masonic sharps, quacks, and charlatans, who, for their own base ends and profit, made merchandise of Freemasonry. In consequence of this plain and vigorous exposition of this Masonic fraud, this Grand Chapter, at its thirtieth Annual Convocation, enacted "General Regulation No. 21," defining thereby what it acknowledged and recognized as legitimate Masonry, and declaring further: "That any Royal Arch Mason who should thereafter receive, confer, communicate, or sell, or be present at or assist in the conferring or communicating, or who should solicit any one to take, apply for, or receive any so-called Masonic Degree, or order of Knighthood, in any assemblage of men whatever, unless it be held under the authority of one of the Masonic Bodies thereinbefore recognized as legitimate, should be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry."

Immediately after the adoption of the above General Regulation, the Grand Chapter ordered circulars to issue to the subordinate Chapters, embodying the same, for general information.

At the next Convocation of the Grand Chapter, in 1885, a resolution was offered for the repeal of this General Regulation No. 21, which was tabled. (Proceedings 1885, p. 95.)

At the next Convocation Companion FRANCIS E. BAKER introduced the following resolution :—

"Resolved, That General Regulation No. 21, adopted at the Thirtieth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, held at Masonic Temple, in the city and county of San Francisco, on Tuesday, the 8th day of April, A. D. 1884, A. I. 2414, be and the same is hereby repealed."

Which resolution was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. That Committee, at the next Annual Convocation, on the 27th day of April, A. D. 1887, brought in an exceedingly able and exhaustive report, going over the whole field of contention, considering not alone the merits of the controversy between the regular and recognized Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and the intruding and irregular "Cerneau" Bodies, but more particularly as to the right and propriety of the action of this Grand Chapter in the premises. I would like to incorporate this most able report herein in full, for I am certain that the truths therein stated cannot be recalled too often, but am precluded from such course by its length. I cannot, however, refrain from quoting some of the reasons assigned in support of the action of this Grand Chapter, and showing the necessity of the passage of "General Regulation No. 21." Among other things the committee say :—

"And concerning the interest that we, as Royal Arch Masons, have in this matter, the Grand High Priest of New York, in an address to the Grand Chapter, says : 'I have to inform the Grand Chapter of the existence of clandestine Chapters in the city of New York, established by H. C. ARWOOD, and under a Consistory Warrant from Cerneau Consistory, by which he confers not only all the degrees of the Chapter, but also the Orders of Knighthood.'"

Again they say :—

"And we understand the main supports of the original plan of Masonry to be unqualified respect for, and obedience to, duly constituted authority, and a loyal allegiance to the same, at the same time holding in contempt all dissenters and clandestine pretenders of whatever rite or degree. The pretense that the Master Mason, or the Mason of the Royal Arch, may not judge of the claims of this CERNEAU mystery, for the reason that they cannot judge of the legality of an organization of which they know nothing, has no weight with us."

"The Neophyte, desiring to become a Mason of any degree, must determine for himself of the legal right of the organization he petitions to confer upon him the rights and privileges he seeks at their hands; and he asks and obtains the testimony of the Masonic World that the Body is a legitimate and an acknowledged Masonic power. Tried by this unerring rule, the subjects of this inquiry are at once detected as without legitimate ancestry, of ignoble birth, they are endeavoring to avoid the inevitable result of a life of prostitution by calling attention to the cheapness of their wares and slandering the recognized head of their professed beloved rite in the world."

Again the Committee, calling attention to the illegality of these pretenders, say :—

"We term this CERNEAU invasion un-Masonic, because we see in its history a continuous effort to overthrow the established and duly constituted authority of the Rite to which they profess allegiance. We term it unlawful, for in addition to its disregard for the judgment of the Masonic world, respecting its legal existence, it is showing through its illegitimate missionary results inflicted upon our jurisdiction, a contemptuous refusal to obey the regulations of this Grand Chapter."

"The several Bodies named in Regulation 21, are recognized Masonic powers, not only in the United States, but throughout the world. No other Masonic body can be established here without the concurrence of the existing Bodies of the Rite affected by it, and no such concurrence having been given, the so-called Supreme Council of the United States of America is a spurious and clandestine concern, originated

with intent to deceive and fraudulently trespass upon the jurisdiction of an established body.

"The adoption of Regulation No. 21, was the protest of this Grand Chapter against the violation of the generally accepted doctrine of the alliance of all regularly constituted and acknowledged Masonic powers—to respect the rights of each, and sustain each other in the vindication of their legal acts, and at all times to add their influence in behalf of genuine organization, and against unlawful, clandestine disturbers of the Masonic peace."

And conclude their able report by saying:

"General Regulation No. 21, recites an historical truth.

"The policy at the time of making the declaration may be questioned, but having declared the truth, your committee think it would be unwise to reconsider the declaration, and by that act give color to the charge, that the regulation was unnecessary. For these reasons your committee feel that the regulation should not be disturbed, and in accordance therewith, we recommend that Comp. BAKER's resolution be not adopted. Which report was concurred in, and the recommendation adopted, with almost entire unanimity; by the Grand Chapter." (See proceedings of 1887, p. p. 526-531.)

And thus this Grand Chapter as early as 1884 committed itself to an active warfare against all Masonic frauds and illegitimate Masonry; and, notwithstanding the earnest efforts of the few of its members opposed to such a course, has on numerous occasions manifested by almost unanimous vote, its determination to adhere to this policy. Thus the matter rested for some time. Most of the companions who had been led astray theretofore, either severed their connection with the interdicted, clandestine bodies, or at least refrained from actively participating in their work, or attend their meetings, until the advent in this State from the State of Washington, where he had been operating, of one GRANVILLE A. FRANKS, who established himself in Sacramento, and thereafter in that city and vicinity carried on an active propaganda for the dissemination of his spurious and clandestine (so-called), Masonry, which induced my immediate predecessor, the late lamented ELLISON L. CRAWFORD, in his last Annual Address, to again call the attention of this Grand Chapter to the subject. The discussion which took place in the Grand Chapter on the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, disclosed the fact that several of the Chapters in this jurisdiction were involved to such an extent as to render any effort to vindicate our laws, through the forms prescribed for trials by the Constitution, before Commissioners elected by such Chapter, futile; and resulted in the passage and enactment of General Regulation No. 26, which authorized the Grand High Priest, upon the application of the High Priest of any Chapter, to whom charges for the violation of the Constitution or General Regulations were presented, or of any three members of such Chapter to transfer such charges for trial to any other Chapter, whenever in his judgment such transfer should be necessary or expedient.

Within a short time after the commencement of my official term, I received a communication from the High Priest of Sacramento Chapter, No. 3, inclosing charges against a member of said Chapter for a violation of General Regulation No. 21, with the request, that for reasons therein stated, I would transfer such charges to another Chapter for trial. Although the reasons stated were amply sufficient, yet, as I considered it a matter of great importance, after consultation with some of the older and more experienced members of this body, I concluded before making the order of transfer, to make a personal investigation on the spot; I therefore went to Sacramento, accompanied by Past Grand High Priest, WM. A. DAVIES, and after a thorough investigation, being satisfied that good and sufficient cause existed for such action, on the 3d day of June last, transferred said charges for trial to Stockton Chapter, No. 28, that being a Chapter free from any objections, and easily accessible from Sacramento, by the following order:

" GRAND CHAPTER, R. A. M. OF CALIFORNIA.
OFFICE OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST,
MODESTO, CAL., JUNE 3d, A. I. 2425.

"To the Excellent High Priests of Sacramento Chapter, No. 3, and of Stockton Chapter, No. 28.—Greeting:

"Whereas, On the 31st day of May, A. D. 1895, charges in writing, duly made by a companion Royal Arch Mason, a member in good standing of Sacramento Chapter, No. 3, accusing Comp. POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON, a Royal Arch Mason, and a member of said Sacramento Chapter, of having willfully and knowingly violated 'General Regulation No. 21, of the Grand Chapter of R. A. M. of this State,' were presented to the High Priest of said Sacramento Chapter; and

"Whereas, The said High Priest, considering that a fair and impartial trial of said charges could not be had in said Sacramento Chapter, No. 3, has referred said charges to me, with the reasons for such reference and requested that the same be assigned and transferred for trial to some other Chapter; and after personal investigation made by me, it being apparent that good and sufficient cause exists for the transfer of said charges to some other Chapter for trial; now therefore,

"It is hereby ordered, That the aforesaid charges against Comp. POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON, be and they are hereby transferred to Stockton Chapter, No. 28, at Stockton, California, for trial. The High Priest of Sacramento Chapter is hereby directed immediately upon the reception of this order by him to cause a copy hereof to be made, and also of the said charges against said Comp. POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON, have the same duly certified by the Secretary, and under the seal of said Chapter, and thereupon transmit the copies, so certified to the Excellent High Priest of Stockton Chapter, No. 28, at Stockton, California.

It is further ordered, That the said High Priest of Stockton Chapter, No. 28, immediately upon the reception by him of the aforesaid certified copies of such charges and of this Order, proceed with the trial of the same, as provided in Article 24 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of R. A. M., of California, and in accordance with Masonic usage, in the same manner as though said charges had been originally presented to him.

"Given under my hand, the day and year first written.

"(Signed) ADOLPHUS HEWEL, Grand High Priest."

Stockton Chapter, No. 28, in conformity with the above order, was duly convened in special meeting; elected trial Commissioners; fixed the time for the commencement of the trial for August 6th, 1895; issued a summons, which was duly served upon the accused, when its further proceedings in the trial were stayed by an injunction, issued by the Hon. A. C. Hinkson, a Judge of the Superior Court, in and for the county of Sacramento; said injunction was issued *ex parte* upon the filing of the complaint in the action, which, for the information of the Grand Chapter, I deem it proper to embody herein in full.

In the Superior Court of Sacramento County, State of California.

Powell S. Lawson, plaintiff, vs. Adolphus Hewel, Thomas Flint, Sr., William Frank Pierce, Eli Tucker Blackmer and Thomas Hubbard Caswell, representing the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California, an association, and Stockton Chapter, No. 28, Royal Arch Masons, an association, and Orrin S. Henderson, High Priest, and Geo. A. McKenzie, Secretary of said Stockton Chapter, No. 28, and Durrell O. Castle, Harry N. Baggs, Edward R. Hedges, Geo. E. Catts, Geo. Garwood, Samuel E. Latta, Joseph H. Swain, William H. Stone, Chas. J. Buchanan, Chas. E. Howe, Gilbert E. Claiborne, Alexander Chalmers, Isaac Lathrop, Doran L. Campbell, Henry E. Robbins, Arthur M. Noble, Geo. H. Ashley, Carl A. Bachman, Joseph M. Barber, Henry Beckman, Wm. M. S. Beede, Francis Gus A. H. Bergman, Chas. S. Bonney, Sebra Briggs, Phillip T. Brown, Park A. Buell, John Caine, Christopher C. Castle, James Cavin, Joseph W. Cavia, Solomon L. Confer, Chas. H. Corson, Samuel N. Cross, Frank D. Cobb, William Cottrell, Gilbert C. Culver, Thomas Cunningham, Geo. Ditts, Jr., Richard T. Earle, Lyman W. Elliott, Phillip B. Frazier, Arnold Friedberger, Joseph Fyfe, Joshua B. Gersbacher, Wm. Graham, Noval Harrison, Wm. B. Harrison, Nathan S. Harrold, Milton P. Henderson, Samuel Henery, Flavil Hickox, Columbus Hurd, John Jory, Henry C. Keyes, Frank E. Lane, Benj. F. Langford, Archibald Leitch, Wm. McGuffick, Angus McKinnon, Jos. K. McPherson, Nicola Milco, Norman S. Misner, Ozais M.

Morris, John H. O'Brian, Nelson M. Orr, Joe D. Peters, Jos. L. Phelps, Winfield W. Prugh, Chas. W. Rhodes, Wm. H. H. Rhodes, Peter Robertson, Isaac H. Robinson, Benj. F. Rolerson, Richard W. Russell, Dominico Sanguinetti, Henry C. Shaw, Geo. A. Shurtleff, James W. Smith, Wellington T. Smith, William Snow, Geo. B. Sperry, Cornelius Swain, John W. Thompson, Pleasant H. Tindall, Francis W. Todd, Fred. M. West, Samuel M. Woods, John Yardley, the members composing Stockton Chapter, No. 28, of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California, an association, and John W. Boyd and Abram J. Vermilya, defendants.

"Plaintiff complains and alleges:

"That the defendant, the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California, is a fraternal representative body, composed of Grand Officers, with such of its Past Grand Officers as have filled elective offices in said Chapter, and three representatives from each of the subordinate Chapters of Royal Arch Masons within the State of California, organized under the authority of said Grand Chapter of California; and of such subordinate Chapters so organized there are seventy-six existing in the State of California; that the representatives who compose very largely the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California are the High Priest, King, and Scribe, for the time being, of said subordinate Chapters, or their duly appointed proxies; that the said High Priest, King, and Scribe of said Chapters are the principal officers thereof, and are elected annually by the members of said subordinate Chapters, so that the membership of the Grand Chapter of California consists of over three hundred persons, and such membership is continually fluctuating and changing from year to year, as the said subordinate Chapters may, from time to time, elect different High Priests, Kings, and Scribes of their different bodies; that because the members and persons composing said Grand Chapter of California are so numerous and so changed from time to time that it is not practicable or feasible to make them all parties defendant in this action, the plaintiff avers and shows that the defendant Adolphus Hewel is the regularly elected and present acting Grand High Priest, and principal officer of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California, and Thomas H. Caswell is the regularly elected and present acting Grand Secretary of said Grand Chapter; and as such, together with the defendants Thomas Flint, Sr., William F. Pierce, and Eli Tucker Blackmer, are the acting and principal executive officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California for the year commencing April 1, 1895, and ending April 1, 1896, and are the principal representatives of the members and persons composing the said Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California; that many of the members and persons composing said Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons are unknown to this plaintiff, and this suit is brought against the defendants, Adolphus Hewel, Thomas Flint, Sr., William F. Pierce, Eli Tucker Blackmer, and Thomas H. Caswell, as members and officers of said Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and as individuals composing the said Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California; that the principal place of business of said Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California and its general office is at the City and County of San Francisco, California.

II.

That the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California is an unincorporated Association; and is the governing body of the subordinate Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in California, and of the members thereof; but the said Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons has no inherent powers whatever, and its authority is limited to the exercise of such express powers as are delegated to it by its charter from the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, and its constitution, adopted in conformity therewith, and its by-laws, rules, regulations, and decisions, based upon said constitution; and is further limited by the ancient usages and landmarks of the Order of Royal Arch Masonry; and all other powers are reserved to Royal Arch Masons individually and to the subordinate Chapters respectively.

III.

That Royal Arch Masonry was organized, practised, and maintained by the subordinate Chapters of Royal Arch Masons under the jurisdiction of the said Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California, consists of four degrees,

called respectively, Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason; which degrees are conferred on all ancient Craft Masons who apply for the same, and are found worthy, by the said subordinate Chapters, with an appropriate ritual and ceremonies, for which an initiation fee, which is uniformly paid by the person applying for said degrees, and thereafter annual dues, are paid, as hereinafter stated and set forth; and the said members of the said subordinate Chapters, by their election and initiation into the Order, and by receiving the degrees aforesaid, and paying the dues aforesaid, become and are entitled to all the privileges and fraternal rights of the Order, while they remain in good standing in their various Chapters respectively.

IV.

That no other degrees in Royal Arch Masonry than those above enumerated are conferred in or by the subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of the said Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California, and said Grand Chapter is wholly powerless to pass upon or decide upon the illegality of any degree or kinds of Masonry other than Royal Arch Masonry.

V.

"That all of the defendants above-named, except Adolphus Hewel, Thomas Flint, Sr., William F. Pierce, Eli Tucker Blackmer, Thomas H. Caswell, John W. Boyd and Abram J. Vermilya, are the members which compose and constitute Stockton Chapter, No. 28, of Royal Arch Masons of California, an unincorporated association, located at Stockton, California, and one of the many Chapters acknowledging the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California.

VI.

"That for more than thirty-five years last past, plaintiff has been, and now is, a member in good standing of Sacramento Chapter, No. 3, of Royal Arch Masons, an unincorporated association, located at Sacramento, California, and one of the subordinate Chapters of said Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; that said Sacramento Chapter, No. 3, (like all other Chapters of Royal Arch Masons), in addition to its power to confer the four degrees that constitute Royal Arch Masonry upon all Ancient Craft Masons who apply for the same, and are found worthy, is also a benevolent, charitable, beneficial and social organization, and is bound to aid and assist its members when they are sick, in want or in distress, as well as to aid their widows and orphans, and to give suitable burial to a deceased member. That membership therein is a valuable thing for the reason among others, that it enables its members, including the plaintiff, to extend their friendships and acquaintances among the other Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in this State, and in other States of the Union and gives them the increased privileges, courtesies and fraternal relations, extended by one member of Royal Arch Masonry to another throughout the world. This plaintiff paid large sums of money to said Chapter as an admission or initiation fee, to-wit: The sum of fifty dollars, and has ever since his admission thereunto, paid dues of not less than three dollars per annum, thereby contributing to building up, and accumulating a large amount of property which is now owned by the plaintiff, in common with the other members of said Sacramento Chapter, No. 3, and being of about the value of four thousand dollars, and each member has the right to participate in the use and disposition of said property, and to be assisted therefrom in the case of need and distress.

VII.

"That said defendant, John W. Boyd, is the High Priest and principal officer of Sacramento Chapter, No. 3, for the present year, and is now acting as such; and the defendant, Abram J. Vermilya has presented to said defendant, J. W. Boyd, charges and specifications in the following language:

"HALL OF SACRAMENTO CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS,

"To the Most Excellent High Priest of Sacramento, Royal Arch Chapter, No. 3, of Royal Arch Masons Sacramento City, California.

"GREETING:—I, the undersigned, a Royal Arch Mason in good standing, and a member of said Sacramento Chapter, No. 3, of Royal Arch Masons of Sacramento City, State of California, hereby complain against Powell Samuel Lawson, a Royal Arch Mason, and a member in good standing of Sacramento Royal Arch Chapter, No. 3, for, and do hereby charge him with conduct unbecoming a Royal

Arch Mason, to-wit: The wilful violation of General Regulation, No. 21, of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California, committed as follows, to-wit:

"That the said Powell Samuel Lawson did on or about the 27th day of February, A. D. 1895, at the City of Sacramento, in the State of California, solicit Companion CLIVE WILLIAM PORTER, a Royal Arch Mason and a member in good standing of Sacramento Chapter, No. 3, R. A. M., to apply for, take and receive the (so called) Masonic degrees in the A. and A. S. R. from an alleged Masonic Body, claiming to act under a Dispensation or Charter from a Body, styling itself 'The Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the United States of America, their Territories and Dependencies,' which said Body is not one declared to be genuine and legitimate by the aforesaid General Regulation, No. 21.

Specification Second :—

"That the said Powell Samuel Lawson is now, and for a long time prior hereto has been, an active member of a certain spurious and clandestine body of Masons (the name and title of which is to this complainant unknown), claiming to act under a Charter or Dispensation of the (so styled) Supreme Council of the United States of America, their Territories and Dependencies, A. and A. S. R., which said Body is not one of those Masonic Bodies recognized as genuine and legitimate by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of this State; and that said Powell Samuel Lawson, as a member of said spurious and illegitimate Body, and since the passage and adoption of General Regulation, No. 21, of the Grand Chapter of this State, has knowingly and willfully been present at, and knowingly and willfully assisted in, the conferring of so-called Masonic degrees in such body or organization, all of which is contrary to and in violation of the aforesaid General Regulation, No. 21.

"Wherefore, the undersigned asks that the said Powell Samuel Lawson be brought to trial for said unbecoming and un-Masonic conduct, and that he be dealt with in accordance with the Laws and General Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California.

"Dated at Sacramento, this 31st day of May, 1895.

"Respectfully,

"ABRAM JOHN VERMILYA,

Scribe of Sacramento Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons.

"Hall of Stockton Chapter, No. 28, R. A. M.

"Stockton, Cal., June 26th, 1895.

"I, Geo. A. McKenzie, Secretary of Stockton Chapter, No. 28, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the charge of un-Masonic conduct preferred by Abram John Vermilya, of Sacramento Chapter, No. 3, against Powell Samuel Lawson of the same Chapter, and transferred to Stockton Chapter, No. 28, by the M. F. Adolphus Hewel, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of California, for trial.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of this Chapter.

"[SEAL.]

"GEO. A. McKENZIE,
Secretary."

"Hall of Stockton Chapter, No. 28, R. A. M.

"Stockton, Cal., June 26th, 1895.

"Companion Powell Samuel Lawson.

"You are hereby summoned to appear at the Hall of Stockton Chapter, No. 28, at Stockton, California, on Tuesday, the 6th day of August, 1895, at 8 o'clock P. M., there and then to answer to a charge of un-Masonic conduct preferred against you by Companion Abram John Vermilya, a Royal Arch Mason in good standing (said charges were preferred in Sacramento Chapter, No. 3, and transferred to Stockton Chapter, No. 28, for trial by the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of California), a certified copy of which is hereto annexed.

"Given at the place and on the day first above written, as witness my hand and the seal of our Chapter, with the attestation of our Secretary.

"[SEAL.]

"ORRIN S. HENDERSON,
High Priest.

"[Attest:] GEO. A. McKENZIE,

Secretary.

"Whereby this plaintiff is charged by said Abram J. Vermilya with un-masonic conduct, alleged to consist in said plaintiff being a member of a body owing allegiance to the 'Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Masonry for the United States of America, their Territories and Dependencies,' and for soliciting members of said *Sacramento* Chapter, No. 3, to become members of said Scottish Rite body.

VIII.

"There are two bodies, known as the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, which are now existing and active in the State of California; that one of said bodies in California has an organization under the authority of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Masonry for the United States of America, their Territories and Dependencies (commonly known as the United States Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite), which said Council is presided over by William A. Hersheiser, of Columbus, Ohio, and it is a representative body, controlled by a majority, and electing its officers annually; that the other of said bodies in California is a monarchical and despotic body, and is organized under the authority of what is known as the Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Masonry, which is presided over by Thomas H. Caswell, of San Francisco, one of the defendants herein. That the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the United States of America was established in the year 1807 by Joseph Cerneau, under the authority of the Grand Orient of France, and claims jurisdiction over the whole of the United States; subsequently thereto, about the year 1860, the body known as the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Masonry, claiming jurisdiction over certain portions of the United States, including California, was established at Charleston, South Carolina, by one Albert Pike, who disputed the right of said Cerneau, to establish bodies of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry, as he had done. That upon, and since, the establishment in the State of California of bodies owing allegiance to the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Masonry for the United States of America, their Territories and Dependencies, the rivalry of said body and bodies with those owing allegiance to the Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite began, and the leaders of the said Southern Jurisdiction in the said State of California, becoming alarmed at the rapid growth of the said rival body, have carried the controversy into the Chapters of Royal Arch Masonry, with which Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry has no connection or affiliation whatever.

IX.

"Plaintiff says that, about the year 1887, certain designing Royal Arch Masons, who were representatives of said Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California, and were also members of the said Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, entered into a conspiracy to suppress all bodies owing allegiance to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the United States of America, their Territories and Dependencies, and to that end said conspirators went to work with their fellow members and friends among the members of said Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California, in a quiet and secret way, and did succeed in inducing a majority of the said representatives of the said Grand Chapter to pass resolutions, which determined, in effect, that said Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Masonry was legitimate, and that the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Masonry of the United States of America, their Territories and Dependencies was irregular, illegal, and unmasonic; holding and declaring that no Royal Arch Mason in good standing should belong to, or be a member of, a body owing allegiance to said Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the United States, their Territories and Dependencies. That subsequently, and in furtherance of the same conspiracy, the said conspirators induced said Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California to pass a resolution declaring it to be an offense, punishable by expulsion, for a Royal Arch Mason to solicit another Royal Arch Mason to join any body owing allegiance to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Masonry for the United States of America, or to be present at any meeting of said Rite. All of which acts and doings of said Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California, controlled by said conspirators as aforesaid, were unconstitutional, illegal, and violative of the charter, Constitution, Laws, and Landmarks and Usages of Royal Arch Masonry.

X.

"That the said defendants, Adolphus Hewel, Thomas Flint, Sr., William F. Pierce, Ely Tucker Blackmer and Thomas H. Caswell, are actively aiding and abetting the designs of said conspirators, and in furtherance of said conspiracy are attempting to use and control the great power of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry of California, to crush out and destroy the competitors of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, viz. the bodies owing allegiance to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the United States of America, their Territories and Dependencies, and to that end are fraudulently, illegally, and in a spirit of oppression putting said unconstitutional, and illegal resolution of said Grand Chapter into active force and operation against the members belonging to said bodies, and particularly against the plaintiff, as hereinbefore set forth.

XI.

"That the written Constitution of the said Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California, is superior to any rule or regulation that can be passed by that body; and Section 1, of Article 24, of said Constitution provides that: "When any member of a Chapter, or any Royal Arch Mason residing within its jurisdiction, shall be accused of unmasonic conduct, charges to that effect may be preferred by any Royal Arch Mason in good standing; which charges shall be in writing, over his signature, and shall be presented to the High Priest of the Chapter, having jurisdiction thereof. And Section 2 of said Article, provides, that 'upon the presentation of such charges, it shall be the duty of the High Priest by due notification to call a special meeting of his Chapter as soon as practicable and there cause to be elected by ballot, and by a majority of those present, not less than seven nor more than nine of its members, who shall assemble as commissioners to hear and determine thereupon at such time and place convenient to the parties as he shall indicate; and he shall also summon the accused to appear and answer thereto at such time and place; and he shall at the same time cause the Secretary to furnish him with a copy of the charges, and to notify the accuser of the said time and place of trial.'

XII.

"That the plaintiff is informed and believes, and therefore alleges the fact to be, that the said Adolphus Hewel and his co-conspirators caused and directed the said charges of un-Masonic conduct to be preferred against this plaintiff by the said defendant, Abram J. Vermilya, as part of the conspiracy aforesaid; and that the said defendant, John W. Boyd, in furtherance of said conspiracy, refused and neglected to call a meeting of the said Sacramento Chapter, No. 3, to elect Commissioners to try this plaintiff upon said charges and utterly ignoring the Constitutional provisions hereinbefore recited, forwarded a copy of said charges and specifications to the said defendant, Adolphus Hewel, who immediately ordered the trial of the plaintiff upon said charges and specifications to be transferred to Stockton Chapter, No. 28, a distant and foreign tribunal. That thereupon the said Stockton Chapter, No. 28, acting by and through its principal officers, summoned this plaintiff to appear at the hall of its Chapter in Stockton, California, on the 6th day of August, 1895, at 8 o'clock P. M., to answer said charge and specifications and to be tried thereon.

"That plaintiff is informed and believes, and therefore alleges the fact to be, that the action of the defendants, Adolphus Hewel, Abram J. Vermilya and John W. Boyd was prompted by a desire to oppress this plaintiff, prevent him from securing witnesses and presenting his defence to said charges of un-Masonic conduct, and also to prevent him from having a fair and impartial trial; for as defendant is informed and believes, Stockton Chapter, No. 28, is friendly to the schemes of said conspirators; is controlled by them, and is unfriendly and prejudiced against this defendant by reason of the matters set forth in said charges.

XIII.

Plaintiff avers that neither the said Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California, nor any of the defendants herein have any jurisdiction or control over either the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the United States of America, their Territories and Dependencies, or of the so-called Southern Jurisdiction of said Rite; and that the attempted action of the defendants complained of in this suit, is wholly outside of the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, or any or all of its officers and members, and is in violation of the

Charter and Constitution of the said Grand Chapter of California, which provides that all the business, duties, powers and jurisdiction of the said Grand Chapter and of the Chapters subordinate thereto, relate exclusively to said four degrees that constitute Royal Arch Masonry.

"That its said Charter and Constitution contain no reference whatever and confer no jurisdiction whatever to the said Grand Chapter over membership of any other lawful order or institution, religious, political, social, fraternal or otherwise, or grant any power to said Grand Chapter, or the defendants named herein, to regulate, inquire into, or legislate touching membership therein, and neither the said Grand Chapter, nor the defendants named herein, are granted therein or given any inquisitorial power into the religious, political or fraternal relation of any Royal Arch Mason outside of Royal Arch Masonry; and neither the said Grand Chapter nor any Chapter subordinate thereto can exercise directly or indirectly any jurisdiction or authority over said organization called the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the United States of America, their Territories and Dependencies, nor over this plaintiff, as a member of the same; nor has the said Grand Chapter, nor any of the defendants herein, any power to prohibit this plaintiff, or any other Royal Arch Mason, from becoming or remaining a member of said Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Body.

XIV.

"That said attempted action of defendants herein is subversive and violative of one of the ancient usages and landmarks of said Order of Royal Arch Masonry to which there has never been an exception in the State of California, that membership in any lawful order or institution, religious, political, social, or otherwise, should be no test for membership as a Royal Arch Mason; and that no member of the Order of Royal Arch Masonry shall be in any manner dealt with, called in question, or affected in his said membership by reason of his membership with any other lawful order or institution.

XV.

"That said attempted action of the defendants herein is subversive and in violation of the rights guaranteed to this plaintiff as a Royal Arch Mason, in this, that when plaintiff joined said Sacramento Chapter No. 3 of Royal Arch Masons, it was agreed to by said Chapter, on the part of Royal Arch Masons and became a condition and part of his contract of membership therein, that no requirement of Royal Arch Masonry should in anywise conflict with or interfere with the duties owing by this plaintiff to his God, his country, or himself; and plaintiff says that any attempt on the part of defendants to now expel him from said Chapter No. 3 of Royal Arch Masons, by reason of his membership in a body owing allegiance to the said Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the United States of America, their Territories and Dependencies, is a violation upon the part of said Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the plaintiff's contract with said Chapter, and the members of said Order of Royal Arch Masonry generally, and a denial to him of both social rights and property rights, which he has acquired under said contract of membership, and that his civil rights, to exercise his individual liberty in the pursuit of happiness, are attached and imperiled by the action of the defendant complained of in this action.

XVI.

"That no rule or regulation of Royal Arch Masonry existed at the time this plaintiff became a member of said Sacramento Chapter No. 3 prohibiting or restricting the rights of this plaintiff to join the said Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the United States of America, their Territories and Dependencies, or any other organization or fraternity, that he desired outside of Royal Arch Masonry; that plaintiff never assented to any such rule or regulation, and he avers that the attempt of the Grand Chapter of California to insert a new condition into his original contract of membership with said Order of Royal Arch Masonry, without his consent, is illegal, unconstitutional, and in excess of its jurisdiction.

XVII.

"Plaintiff avers that he has no information and belief upon the subject sufficient for him to answer, and therefore he denies all the allegations contained in subdivision 1 of said charges and specifications presented against him by said Vermilya; but that he denies that any of said charges constitute any unmasonic conduct on his part, or that the Grand Chapter of California, or any of the defendants herein have any jurisdiction or authority to call him to account for the same.

XVIII.

"Plaintiff avers that the Masonic Body known as the Council of Royal and Select Masters is composed of Royal Arch Masons, and no one can become a member thereof, or retain his membership therein who is not a Royal Arch Mason in good standing; that plaintiff has been and now is a member of *Sacramento* Council, No. 1, of Royal and Select Masters for more than thirty years last past, in good and lawful standing; that he has paid large sums of money to said Council as an admission or initiation fee, to-wit: \$15, and has since his admission thereto paid annual dues of not less than one dollar per annum, thereby contributing to and building up a large amount of property, now owned by plaintiff in common with the other members of said Council, and being of about the value of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250), and that he, together with each of the members of said Council, has a right to participate in the use and disposition of said property and to be assisted therefrom in case of need and distress; and that to deprive him of membership by expulsion in said *Sacramento* Chapter, No. 3, of Royal Arch Masons would deprive him of all his vested interests, belonging to the members of said *Sacramento* Council, No. 1, of Royal and Select Masters, as aforesaid; and of his right to participate in the use and disposition of said property and to be assisted therefrom in case of need and distress.

XIX.

"Plaintiff further avers that the Masonic Body known as the 'Commandery of Knights Templars' is composed of Royal Arch Masons and no one can become a member thereof, or retain his membership therein, who is not a Royal Arch Mason in good standing; that plaintiff has been a member of '*Sacramento* Commandery, No. 2, of Knight Templar' for more than twenty-nine years past in good standing; that he has paid large sums of money to said Commandery as the admission or initiation fees, to-wit: the sum of seventy-five (\$75) dollars, and has since his admission thereto paid annual dues of not less than six dollars per annum, thereby contributing to and building up and accumulating a large amount of property now owned by plaintiff in common with the other members of said Commandery, and being of the value of about two thousand (\$2,000), dollars and that he, together with the other members of said Commandery has a right to participate in the use and disposition of said property, and to be assisted therefrom in case of need and distress and to deprive him of his membership in said *Sacramento* Chapter, No. 3, of Royal Arch Masons by expulsion, would deprive him of all his vested interest, belonging to the members of said *Sacramento* Commandery as aforesaid, and of his right to participate in the use and disposition of said property, and to be assisted therefrom in case of need and distress.

XX.

Plaintiff further avers, that said defendants, the principal officers of said Grand Chapter of California, some of whom are members of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction, are actively aiding and abetting the said conspiracy in behalf of said Southern Jurisdiction of said Rite, and they are attempting to carry out the conspiracy aforesaid in part by the aid and assistance of said *Stockton* Chapter No. 28, selected to try this plaintiff, and by the aid and assistance of the other defendants herein, and they will cause said *Stockton* Chapter No. 28 to expel this plaintiff from the Order of Royal Arch Masonry, unless restrained by this Court, for which reason and the reasons hereinbefore stated, plaintiff cannot hope for a fair and impartial trial by the said defendants composing *Stockton* Chapter No. 28, and for the said reason he is deprived of all redress by appeal to the Grand Chapter of California; that notwithstanding the said acts charged against him in the said charges and specifications are not unmasonic, and that said Grand Chapter of California has no jurisdiction or authority to make any such rule or regulation calling plaintiff to account therefore, yet the said Grand Chapter, under the direction of the defendants, ADOLPHUS HEWEL, THOMAS FLINT, SR., WILLIAM F. PIERCE, ELI TUCKER, BLACKMER and THOMAS H. CASWELL, assisted by the other defendants named herein, have conspired and determined to enforce said unlawful and unmasonic regulation against this plaintiff, and, as this plaintiff is informed and believes, have declared that plaintiff and the other members of said *Sacramento* Chapter No. 3, who are members of the United States Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, shall be expelled and deprived of all the rights, privileges and advantages of Royal Arch Masonry, and that the fair name and fame of plaintiff as a Royal Arch Mason shall be disgraced and dishonored by the said expulsion, that unless the defendants herein are restrained and enjoined by order of this Court from further proceeding against this plaintiff upon the charges and specifications made, he will be unjustly, unlawfully and illegally expelled from said *Sacramento* Chapter No. 3 of Royal

Arch Masons, and will be deprived of all his social rights and property rights and privileges as a member of Royal Arch Masonry, and incidentally thereto will be deprived of his membership and property rights in said Council of Royal and Select Masters and Commandery of Knights Templar, all to his great and irreparable injury, for which he has no adequate remedy at law.

Wherefore, this plaintiff prays that the Court will temporarily enjoin the said defendants, and each of them, from taking any step or steps to carry out said conspiracy, and from arranging and proceeding with the trial of said charges against this plaintiff, and from depriving this plaintiff of any of his rights, privileges and benefits as a Royal Arch Mason and as a member of said *Sacramento* Chapter No. 3 of Royal Arch Masons, and for such other or further relief in the premises as is equitable and just, and that on the final hearing of this case the injunction may be made perpetual and said plaintiff be granted such relief as to this Court may seem equitable and just.

C. A. ELLIOTT AND HOLL & DUNN,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
County of Sacramento. }

Powell S. Lawson, being duly sworn, on oath says: I am the plaintiff in the above entitled action, and that I have heard the foregoing complaint read, and know the contents thereof, and that the same is true of my own knowledge, except as to the matters herein stated on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe it to be true.

POWELL S. LAWSON.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3d day of August, 1896.

B. SOLOX HOLL, Notary Public in and for said County and State.

The foregoing is the complaint upon which the Court issued a temporary injunction, which is as follows:

[Title of Court and Cause.]

The People of the State of California to Adolphus Hewel (and then naming all the other defendants), greeting:

The above-named plaintiff, having filed his complaint in our Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Sacramento, against the above-named defendants, praying for an injunction against said defendants, requiring them to refrain from certain acts in said complaint, and herein more particularly mentioned. On reading the said complaint in this action, and it satisfactorily appearing to me, the Judge of said Court, therefrom, that it is a proper case for an injunction, and that sufficient grounds exist therefor, and the necessary and proper undertaking having been given.

We therefore, in consideration thereof, and of the particular matters in the said complaint set forth, do strictly command you, and each and every of you, that until further order of this Court, you and each of you, your and each of your servants, agents, attorneys, employees, and all persons acting under the control, authority or direction of you, or either of you, do absolutely refrain and desist from taking any action or proceeding in the matter of the charges of unmasonic conduct preferred against the above-named plaintiff by Abram John Vermilya, Scribe of Sacramento Chapter No. 3 of Royal Arch Masons, dated May 31, 1896, and which charges are now pending before Stockton Chapter 'No. 28,' of Royal Arch Masons, for trial, and which charges said plaintiff was summoned to answer on the 6th day of August, 1896, at 8 o'clock P. M. of that day, before said Stockton Chapter 'No. 28,' by an order issued by Orrin S. Henderson, High Priest of said Stockton Chapter No. 28, and from taking any default against said plaintiff, and from doing any act preliminary to the trial of plaintiff on said charges, and from examining any witnesses upon said charge, or rendering any verdict or judgment thereto, or adopting any resolutions directing or declaring said plaintiff expelled from the order of Royal Arch Masons or from any Chapter thereof.

Witness: Hon. A. C. HINKSON, Judge of the Superior Court.
[SEAL.] Aug. 3, 1896.

Attest: W. B. HAMILTON, Clerk.
By E. S. WACHORST, Clerk Dep.

The summons and injunction in this action was served on the members of Stockton Chapter only. As soon as information of this reached me I went to Stockton, instructed the Commissioners elected to try Companion LAWSON that they must refrain from proceeding with the trial until dissolution of the injunction, except that they should

adjourn their meetings from time to time in conformity with Section 6, Art. XXIV of the Constitution, in order to preserve the integrity of the Commission, promising that I, on behalf of the Grand Chapter, would attend to the defense of the action. I then proceeded to San Francisco and engaged Past Grand Master WILLIAM C. BELCHER to take charge of the case for the Grand Chapter. His untimely death, within less than a month after the commencement of the action and before anything had been done therein, rendered the employment of another attorney necessary, and, after consultation with such of the officers of the Grand Chapter as were accessible to me, I employed ex-Judge Past Grand High Priest MILTON H. MYRICK as such, giving him full charge and control of the defense.

The case is one of great importance, not alone to this Grand Chapter or the different Masonic bodies, but to all purely fraternal organizations, for in it the plaintiff contended for and sought to establish the principle of the jurisdiction of the civil tribunals over any and all changes made by such organizations, in either their (so-called) constitutions, by-laws, regulations or edicts, when challenged by any of their members dissenting or objecting to such a change, to the extent, at least, of determining whether such change was a violation of the original compact between the dissenting member and the organization. As every Mason well knows, the compact between the individual Mason and the Order, to a very large extent, is to be found in the esoteric part of our ritual only, and, from its very nature, cannot be made the subject of inquiry in a civil court; hence, such a claim, if once crystallized into a law by a decision of our courts, would be subversive of all the aims and objects of such organizations and destructive of Masonry itself. I deemed it essential, therefore, that the only issue herein should be an issue of law, arising from the interposition of a general demurrer, broadly challenging the jurisdiction of the court. Judge MYRICK, being in full accord with me, a general demurrer to the complaint was accordingly filed, and, after numerous continuances and delays, the case on the demurrer was finally argued before Judge CATLIN. The argument was exhaustive, occupying the Court for four days, both parties producing all the authorities which could be found in the books, and bringing to bear all the reasons which could be advanced to sustain the positions for which they were severally contending, received from the Judge a patient and courteous hearing. After full argument the case was submitted, and on the 21st day of February last Judge CATLIN, in a very able and exhaustive opinion, reviewing therein the entire subject of contention, decided every point involved in favor of the defendant, generally holding: that in all matters appertaining to Masonry, such as the qualifications for, admissions to, or continuance of membership and the standing of members within the Order were matters within the *exclusive jurisdiction* of Masonic tribunals.

At plaintiff's request he was granted fifteen days within which to amend his complaint.

Within the time allowed an amended complaint was filed, differing but little from the original, upon the demurrer to which a final judgment was rendered by the Superior Court of Sacramento County, which is as follows:

"In the Superior Court of the County of Sacramento, State of California.
"Powell S. Lawson, plaintiff vs. Adolphus Hewel et als., defendants.

"And now, on this day came on regularly for hearing before the Court on demurrer of defendants to the plaintiff's amended complaint, S. Solon Holl appearing for plaintiff and McKune & George for defendants, and all and singular the premises having been seen, heard, understood and fully considered:

"It is ordered and adjudged by the Court that the said demurrer be and the same is hereby sustained, and the plaintiff not asking for time to file any further amendments to his complaint, it is further ordered by the Court that the plaintiff take nothing by his said action, and that the defendants have and recover of and from said plaintiff their costs in this behalf expended, taxed at \$2.

impracticable, from the number who had actually taken the prohibited degrees and the uncertain number who, by their promises to take them, were thereby disqualified, that an impartial trial of any charges based upon a violation of said General Regulation could not be had in *Woodland* Chapter, and that if any such charges were preferred against any of the members of said Chapter, justice and expediency would require the removal of such charges to some other Chapter for trial.

After my return home I issued an order to the High Priest of said Chapter directing him to cause charges to be preferred against eight companions therein named for the violation of General Regulation No. 21, and against any other Royal Arch Masons, members of his Chapter, or residing within its jurisdiction, whom he should ascertain to have been guilty of a similar offense.

The receipt of the order and letter of instructions accompanying the same was promptly acknowledged by Companion FREEMAN, the M. E. High Priest of the Chapter, and compliance therewith promised. The execution thereof, however, was delayed by him, notwithstanding the repeated inquiries made by our Grand Secretary and myself, until the 21st day of March, 1896, when he had charges preferred against the Companions named in my said order, which charges were on the 26th day of March by said High Priest referred to me for transference to some other Chapter for trial.

My experience with *Woodland* Chapter demonstrates that if this Grand Chapter intends to enforce its Edicts and General Regulations, in cases where the officers of a Chapter or Chapters affected thereby refuse or neglect to discharge their duty in the premises, through the direct agency and action of the Grand High Priest, that General Regulation No. 26, intended to confer power upon him for such action, is entirely inadequate to accomplish the end in view.

It is a well known fact, that while obedience is generally yielded by the large majority of the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction to the Edict of this Grand Chapter, as promulgated by General Regulation No. 21, that there are some Chapters, perhaps two or three, a number of whose members have obstinately persisted in practicing the acts thereby prohibited and interdicted.

In the Chapters thus infected with disobedience to the mandates of this Grand Body the disease is virulent, more or less permeating the entire body, extending, by sympathy at least, to the officers thereof—perhaps to the High Priest. The fact is self-evident that a Chapter thus infected cannot be competent to elect an impartial and unprejudiced Commission for the trial of such charges; yet, as the law now stands, the trial thereof cannot be transferred, except upon the voluntary request of either the High Priest or three members of such Chapter, I would, therefore, recommend that *General Regulation No. 26* be amended so as to confer upon the Grand High Priest in all cases where charges are by him ordered to be preferred for the violation of any provision of the Constitution or the General Regulations to *compel* the reference of such charges to himself for transference to some other Chapter for trial.

I have not yet assigned these charges to any Chapter for trial, because for want of time these trials could not even be commenced before the beginning of the present Convocation. I therefore considered it advisable to leave this matter to my successor.

The orders made by me herein, together with the letter of instructions and all subsequent correspondence, will be submitted to the proper committee.

GRANVILLE A. FRAMES.

Immediately after my return home, I had inquiries instituted, through Comp. DAVIES, as to the Masonic standing of the above named individual; learning, that he was a Royal Arch Mason in good standing, a member of *Oceanos* Chapter, No.

This Grand Chapter was honored in the person of your Grand High Priest by an invitation to be present at the celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the *M. E.* Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, in November last. Circumstances, however, prevented his attendance thereat.

The record of my official acts is before you, for you to approve or disapprove. Whatever your judgment may be, it will be for me to submit thereto. In passing on my acts I ask but one thing of you—and that is, to credit me with having acted in accordance with my best judgment, with an eye single to the interests of our Institution, and solely animated with the desire to faithfully discharge every duty which, with the honor conferred, you had imposed upon me, and thereby to promote the welfare and well-being of our beloved Order. In most instances these duties I have been pleasing and gratifying to me, in others they have been irksome and onerous, but of whatever nature, I have endeavored to discharge them to the best of my ability and always with the same object in view.

Like all my predecessors, I am under obligations to both the *R. E.* THOMAS H. CASWELL, our veteran Grand Secretary, the “Nestor” of Royal Arch Masonry, and his worthy assistant, Past Grand High Priest WILLIAM T. REYNOLDS. I have made many draughts upon their experience and kindness, and all have been honored. I extend to them my hearty thanks for their valuable assistance.

And now, companions, profoundly grateful to you for the high honor you have conferred upon me, in a few brief hours I shall surrender this emblem of authority into the hands of my successor, and return to the ranks of the Craft, where, in the future as in the past, you will find me always ready to obey any call for my services, to promote and advance the interests of our noble Institution.

Companions! my labors are nearly done—yours are about to begin. May they be promotive of the peace, harmony and honor of the Royal Craft.

ADOLPHUS HEWEL,
Grand High Priest.

Which Address was referred to a special committee of three.

The Deputy Grand High Priest named as such committee—

<i>On Grand High Priest's Address</i>	}	Comp. Edward Coleman, “ Wiley James Tinnin, “ William Vanderhurst.
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The Grand Secretary presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

The undersigned respectfully presents the following report of the transactions of his office since the last Annual Convocation, also other matters proper to be considered by the Grand Chapter.

In less than thirty days after the close of the last Annual Convocation the transactions thereat were printed, and the usual number distributed as follows:—To each of the Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter, one copy; to the General Grand Chapter, five copies; to each of our Representatives near other Grand Chapters, one copy; to each Grand Chapter with which we are in communication, three copies; and four copies to each Chapter of our obedience.

The charter to *Redlands* Chapter, No. 77, ordered at the last Annual Convocation, was issued, and the Chapter duly constituted and its officers installed by Comp. AUGUST WACKERBARTH, Past High Priest of *Signal* Chapter, No. 57, on the first day of May, 1895. The letter of authorization of the Grand High Priest,

together with the official report of the companion, are herewith presented. A duplicate charter was also issued to *Woodland* Chapter, No. 46, as ordered at last Annual Convocation, the original having been destroyed by fire some months previous.

But one special dispensation was issued during the year, viz: to *San Francisco* Chapter, No. 1, to ballot on a petition for the degrees in less than the constitutional period of time.

Commissions to Representatives near other Grand Chapters have been issued, by order of the Grand High Priest, to the following named companions and jurisdictions:—

On the tenth day of September, 1896, to Comp. WILLIAM SUTHERLAND, near the Grand Chapter of Nevada;

On the twenty-eighth day of March, 1896, to Comp. FRANCIS WILLIAM GARDEN, near the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, *vice* Comp. FRANCIS BURNAND DAVIDSON, deceased; and

On the seventeenth day of April, 1896, to Comp. COMOSH, near the Grand Chapter of New York, *vice* REES J. WILLIAMS, deceased.

Amendments to the By-Laws of the following Chapters—approved by the Grand High Priest—are herewith presented for reference to the Committee on By-Laws, viz:—

Changing time of meetings—*Shasta*, No. 9, *Georgetown*, No. 25, and *Redlands*, No. 77.

Reducing monthly dues—*Siloam*, No. 37, and *Keystone*, No. 56.

Reducing fees for degrees—*Merced*, No. 12, *St. James*, No. 16, *Trinity*, No. 19, *Napa*, No. 30, *Santa Cruz*, No. 38, *Santa Rosa*, No. 45, *Modesto*, No. 49, *Tulare*, No. 71, and *Hanford*, No. 74.

In the matter of *Libanus* Chapter, No. 17, pursuant to the authority given at the last Annual Convocation, the undersigned authorized and empowered M. E. Comp. JACOB HART NEFF to close up the affairs of said Chapter, and to transmit to this office the charter, books, property and effects of said *Libanus* Chapter. This Comp. NEFF did in his usual prompt and thorough manner, and there is, consequently, now in the hands of your Grand Secretary, and for sale, the officers' collars and aprons, five swords, the banner, breastplate, and marble stones for the fourth degree. None of these except the banner and breastplate, and perhaps the stones, are of value sufficient to warrant any Chapter in purchasing. In fact, the entire outfit received would be a poor makeshift for even a new Chapter, with the exceptions noted. I also received from Comp. NEFF the sum of twelve dollars and twenty-five cents in coin, which will appear in the financial statement below.

The books and accounts were also in a very unsatisfactory condition. In many instances, dues had not been charged up for years; and again, dues had been paid and not credited. It was therefore necessary, before issuing certificates to such members as desired to unite with other Chapters, that some fixed data be established. The undersigned therefore adopted the standard fixed by the Grand Chapter when closing the affairs of *Plumas* Chapter, No. 58—which was similarly situated—and charged to each companion the sum of ten dollars, deducting therefrom such amounts as late receipts showed to have been paid. For this assumption of power your approval is respectfully asked.

The report of Comp. NEFF also shows that *Libanus* Chapter owned a half interest in the Masonic Hall building at Iowa Hill; and that standing against it is an indebtedness of \$136 82. This half interest he recommends be deeded to *Ionic* Lodge, No. 21, F. and A. M., on the payment by it of the indebtedness

1895.		CR.
April 17.	By paid delegates to the Annual Convocation, as per pay roll,	\$1,161 70
"	Grand Officers,	149 70
"	Finance Committee,	70 90
"	Wm. A. Davies, services as Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, as per voucher No. 1,	200 00
"	James Oglesby, salary as Grand Guard, as per voucher No. 2,	25 00
"	Pacific Surety Co., premiums on bonds of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, as per voucher No. 3,	120 00
"	Samuel D. Mayer, salary as Gr. Organist, voucher No. 4,	25 00
"	R. D. Bronson, copy of Webster's dictionary, as per voucher No. 5,	8 50
"	Thos. H. Caswell, salary as Grand Secretary, as per vouchers Nos. 6, 10, 14, 17, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 29, 34,	1,800 00
"	Thos. H. Caswell, for expenses Grand Secretary's office, as per vouchers Nos. 7, 8, 11, 15, 19, 23, 33, 35,	115 65
"	S. W. Shaw, portrait of P. G. H. P. Ellison L. Crawford, voucher No. 9,	76 50
"	Frank Eastman & Co., printing and binding proceedings for 1895, and other matters, as per vouchers Nos. 12, 18 and 32,	789 25
"	Wells, Fargo & Co., expressage on proceedings of 1895, etc., as per vouchers Nos. 13, 28,	25 80
"	Thos. H. Caswell, dues to General Grand Chapter for 1895, as per voucher No. 16,	51 80
"	Masonic Hall Association, rent of Grand Secretary's office, for year ending December 31, 1895, as per voucher No. 27,	180 00
"	Thos. H. Caswell, for duplicate entry of dues received from <i>Donner</i> Chapter, No. 39, as per voucher No. 30,	43 50
"	Adolphus Hewel, appropriation for expenses as Grand High Priest, as per voucher No. 31,	200 00
		<hr/> \$5,043 30
1896.		
April 21.	Balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer (on deposit in S. F. Savings Union),	5,251 36
<i>The Assets of the Grand Chapter consist of:</i>		
	Cash on hand, as above,	\$ 5,251 36
	1700 shares of Masonic Hall Association stock, at \$20 per share,	34,000 00
	Total,	<hr/> \$39,251 36
All which is respectfully submitted.		

FRANKLIN H. DAY, *Grand Treasurer.*

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances.

Comp. THOMAS FLINT, Jr., from the Committee on Finances, presented the following report on the books, papers and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

Your Committee on Finances, to whom was referred the books, papers and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined and compared the same, and, as usual, find them correct in every particular.

The official bonds of the Grand Treasurer, in the sum of \$10,000, and of the Grand Secretary, in the sum of \$6,000, were filed with and approved by the M. E. Grand High Priest immediately after the Convocation of 1895, as required by the Constitution of this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted.

THOS FLINT, JR.,	} Committee.
WM. M. PETRIE,	
WM. T. REYNOLDS,	
I. J. ROLFE,	
L. C. WITTENMYER,	

Which report was concurred in.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the Committee on Correspondence, presented the following report, the reading of which was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof :

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

Your Committee on Correspondence have received and reviewed the proceedings of forty-five Grand Royal Arch Chapters, and herewith submit their report. The doings of the Grand Chapters of Delaware, New Brunswick, New South Wales, Nova Scotia, Scotland, and West Virginia have not come to hand. Our table reads as follows :—

ALABAMA,	1895	MISSOURI,	1895
ARIZONA,	1895	MONTANA,	1895
ARKANSAS,	1895	NEBRASKA,	1895
CANADA,	1895	NEVADA,	1895
COLORADO,	1895	NEW JERSEY,	1895
CONNECTICUT,	1895	NEW HAMPSHIRE,	1895
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,	1895	NEW YORK,	1895
ENGLAND AND WALES,	1895	NORTH CAROLINA,	1895
FLORIDA,	1895	NORTH DAKOTA,	1895
GEORGIA,	1895	OHIO,	1895
ILLINOIS,	1895	OREGON,	1895
INDIANA,	1895	PENNSYLVANIA,	1895
INDIAN TERRITORY,	1895	QUEBEC,	1895
IOWA,	1895	RHODE ISLAND,	1895
KANSAS,	1895	SOUTH CAROLINA,	1896
KENTUCKY,	1895	SOUTH DAKOTA,	1895
LOUISIANA,	1895	TENNESSEE,	1896
MAINE,	1895	TEXAS,	1895
MARYLAND,	1895	VERMONT,	1895
MASSACHUSETTS,	1895	VIRGINIA,	1895
MICHIGAN,	1896	WASHINGTON,	1895
MINNESOTA,	1895	WISCONSIN,	1895
MISSISSIPPI,	1895		

ALABAMA.

The Grand Chapter of Alabama held its sixty-ninth Annual Convocation in Montgomery December 2d, 1895,—*M. E.* JOHN G. SMITH, Grand High Priest, *R. E.* H. CLAY ARMSTRONG, Grand Secretary. Alabama bears upon her roll thirty-five active Chapters, with a membership of one thousand Royal Arch Masons. Twenty-seven Chapters were represented at this Convocation, four Past Grand High Priests were present with one Past Deputy and one Past Grand King and Scribe. Twelve sister jurisdictions were represented.

Our proceedings record Comp. HENRY C. WILEY, of Troy, as the representative of California near the Grand Chapter of Alabama, but as Comp. WILEY don't seem to turn up, and Comp. ARMSTRONG don't acknowledge Comp. WILEY, we must consider the place vacant; however, should difficulties arise among the workmen, the Grand Chapters interested can always rely upon disinterested and prompt service from their respective correspondents.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

In his Address the Grand High Priest gave friendly greeting and welcomed the companions to the duties of the session. He referred to the absent ones who were at rest in the Supreme Grand Chapter above and paid the tribute of respect and fraternal affection to their memory. He also made sympathetic mention of the eminent companions of sister jurisdictions, many of them of national reputation, who have closed their life's work and passed to eternal rest.

His official duties had been very light, he made no visitations, and reported no decisions, but quoted two dispensations for the organization of two dormant Chapters.

The *M. E.* companion said that while his work was not as encouraging as it might be still he was not without hope for the future. He recommended the use of printed rituals as a means of lifting them out of the old rut and starting them again on the "up grade;" his views were not sustained by the committee, who very wisely urged that the plan would lead to great confusion and possible disaster. But little business of any kind was transacted at this session of the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Grand Council of High Priesthood for Alabama held its twenty-sixth Annual Convocation in the city of Montgomery December 3d, 1895,—*M. E.* H. CLAY ARMSTRONG, President, *E. E.* Comp. B. M. HILL, Recorder, and several members present.

The Grand Council was opened in Solemn Form.

Six Companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, and being otherwise qualified, having been elected, were introduced, anointed and consecrated to the holy Order of High Priesthood.

Companion ARMSTRONG stated that at a meeting in Topeka, Kansas, in August, 1894, of representatives of the Order of High Priesthood from twenty-three States, it was agreed that a committee be appointed to propose a uniform Ritual for the Order in the United States, and in obedience to this agreement Companions J. W. CHAMBERLIN, of Tiffin, Ohio; W. D. THOMPSON, of Minneapolis, Kansas; and ALLAN McDOWELL, of St. Louis, Missouri, were appointed on the committee. The committee has performed the duty assigned it, as will appear from the following circular letter received from Companion CHAMBERLIN, Chairman of the committee:

As we have heretofore published the circular letter of the committee, Companions CHAMBERLIN, THOMPSON and McDOWELL, announcing the completion of the work delegated to them and the arrangements for its dissemination, we omit it here.

Companion FOSTER moved that the Ritual, as prepared by the committee, be adopted.

Which motion was seconded by Companion ARMSTRONG, who stated that he had examined the Ritual carefully, a copy of which had been furnished him by Companion CHAMBERLIN for use of the Order of High Priesthood in Alabama (should it be adopted), with his compliments, and was greatly pleased with it.

Whereupon the motion to adopt the new Ritual was *unanimously carried*.

Companion ARMSTRONG offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:—

"Resolved, That the thanks of the Order of High Priesthood of Alabama are due, and are hereby extended to M. E. Companion J. W. CHAMBERLIN, of Tiffin, Ohio, Chairman of the Committee on Ritual for the Order of High Priesthood, for the gift of a complete and elegantly bound copy of the new Ritual, and that the Grand Recorder be requested to furnish Companion CHAMBERLIN with a copy of this resolution."

After an election of officers for the ensuing year the Grand Council closed.

The Report on Correspondence is again presented by Comp. PALMER J. PILLANS. He reviews the doings of forty-three Grand Chapters with the General Grand Chapter's session held at Topeka in 1894. His review of California is for the administration of our lamented companion, Grand High Priest ELLISON L. CRAWFORD, whose address he quotes from and gives his approval. Comp. PILLANS concurs in the action of the Grand Chapter, and gives credit to Grand Secretary CASWELL for rapid work in getting out his proceedings. He writes very kindly of our reports, for which he will please accept our thanks.

Under Nebraska he says of dependent membership:—

"It is from this that we learn what possibly should have been known by us before, that to the suggestion of Past Grand High Priest WILLIAM R. BOWEN and to his influence should be ascribed the growing doctrine of dependent membership. Whatever may be our views on this subject, and they have been heretofore expressed, there can be no doubt that if fully accomplished the unity and solidity of the Fraternity would be greatly enhanced."

And in reply to Comp. SOUTHWATE of North Carolina, Comp. PILLANS says:—

"He does not like our rule which suspends from the Chapter one suspended by the Lodge for non-payment of dues, because this only operates as a temporary destruction, or rather abeyance of Masonic rights; yet we believe that when he learns that our Grand Lodge declares that one so suspended occupies the same relation to the Craft that one suspended for unmasonic conduct, he must see that no companion can hold any Masonic intercourse with him while he labors under such suspension."

Comp. PILLANS sets his face firmly against all cipher propositions, whether printed in Hindoo, Arkansas or the General Grand Text; he believes in the firm establishment of Capitular Masonry and would keep it from all entangling alliances, holding it firmly in place as the central figure in the Masonic trinity of Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, forming as they do the American system of Freemasonry.

M. E. JOHN G. SMITH, was re-elected Grand High Priest, R. E. H. CLAY ARMSTRONG was re-elected Grand Secretary. Correspondent, Comp. PALMER J. PILLANS, Belknap.

The next Convocation will be held in the city of Montgomery on Monday before the first Thursday in December, 1896.

ARIZONA.

The Grand Chapter of Arizona held its sixth Annual Convocation in the city of Prescott, November 13th, 1895,—M. E. FRANCIS ASHBURY SHAW, Grand High Priest; R. E. GEORGE JAMES ROSKRUGE, Grand Secretary. The four Chapters

of the jurisdiction were represented. There were in attendance three Past Grand High Priests and the representatives of twelve sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain and music by the choir.

With fraternal greeting and a hearty welcome the Grand High Priest addressed the assembled companions who, in obedience to the requirements of their law, had come up to the sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter to deliberate upon the condition and prospects of Capitular Masonry in Arizona.

From the tenor of his greeting we might credit this youthful ruler with years so full and in the executive care of a jurisdiction so venerable as to warrant at least a semi-centennial review of their work in the quarries. He says :—

"And now I greet you as companions who are growing old ; and I congratulate you upon the health, peace and prosperity of our jurisdiction. While floods and fires have raged in other parts, and recently that most terrible of all dreaded foes of the human race—earthquakes—have visited the great Mississippi Valley, destroying life and property and wrecking the homes of many of its citizens, we have been spared from such calamities. The Angel of Death has passed us by ; no pestilence, epidemic, famine, nor other wide-spread misfortune has visited our borders. There has been nothing to disturb our harmony during the past year. Our associations with sister jurisdictions have been pleasant, and nothing has transpired to mar the peaceful relations heretofore existing."

After indulging in the delightful retrospective experience of health, harmony and prosperity, the Grand High Priest tempers his Address with a sympathetic allusion to the unemployed labor of the country, and makes a fervent appeal for the "wretched, starving human beings whose homes are misery's abode, where full plenty never smiles," and giving his philanthropic imagination full rein. He continues :—

"Picture to yourselves, my companions, the peace and prosperity, the joy and gladness that would immediately spread all over this world if universal justice was put into effect. If true merit, virtue, diligence and industry were recognized and the unrequited toil of the present compensated under 'that standard or boundary of right which renders unto every man his just due, without distinction,' how beautiful, then, would be the scenes of the happy homes and the happy faces of a brightened posterity, and the soul of self-conscious manhood again mantle the brow of the now dejected, destitute and overburdened toilers."

Referring to the visitation of constituent Chapters, he says :—

"The sacrifice is too great for one of moderate means to make, unless the necessity is urgent. And, indeed, the Constitution and our ritual are so well understood and thoroughly inculcated that, except for fraternal courtesy and the cultivation of the social amenities, a Grand visitation would be unnecessary."

He does not advise the adoption of the ritual issued by the General Grand Chapter, or, at least, without due deliberation, as he says the California Ritual adopted and used by them "*is very beautiful*," and all their Chapters are conversant with it.

The Grand High Priest commissioned representatives near the Grand Chapters of Missouri and Indian Territory, and declined to approve certain by-laws presented by *Cochise* Chapter, No. 4.

The Grand High Priest submitted the circular of the General Grand High Priest announcing the death of Past General Grand High Priest JOHN FRIZZELL and recommended that appropriate action be had in memory of that eminent Mason.

The Grand Secretary submitted a communication from the Masonic Collectors

Association, of which *M. W.* Bro. JAMES W. STATON of Kentucky is President, and *M. W.* Bro. S. STACKER WILLIAMS of Ohio is Secretary, submitting a plan for securing a complete Masonic library for each jurisdiction, including full sets of printed annual proceedings of all corresponding jurisdictions.

The jurisdiction of Arizona is composed of four constituent Chapters, with a membership of one hundred and seventy-nine Royal Arch Masons.

On the question of ritual, the Committee on Jurisprudence reported as follows :

"The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred at our last Annual Convocation the practicability of adopting a new ritual, respectfully report :—

"That, upon investigation, we find the companions of Arizona to be generally satisfied with the ritual adopted at our first Convocation, being that of the jurisdiction of California, which is in use in most, if not all, of the Pacific Coast States, and realizing the danger and confusion likely to arise from exchanging expressions of language, and failing to see any great good or necessity for such change, respectfully recommend that this Grand Chapter retain the ritual now in use."

The following was adopted :—

"*Ordered*, That the Grand Chapter be draped in mourning and a page in our proceedings be set aside to the memory of our late distinguished companion, JOHN FRIZZELL, Past General Grand High Priest."

The Grand Representatives in attendance were received and welcomed by the Grand High Priest.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows :—

"Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the annual reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, beg leave to report that they have performed their duty and find their reports to be correct.

"We recommend that an appropriation of \$5 be made to the Masonic Collectors' Association for the purpose of aiding in the establishment of a general Masonic Library."

The names of four members of *Prescott* Chapter, No. 2, and two members of *Tucson* Chapter, No. 3, were inscribed upon the death roll of the year.

Past Grand High Priest MARTIN W. KALES represents the Grand Chapter of California near the Grand Chapter of Arizona, while Past Grand High Priest FRANKLIN H. DAY looks out for the interest of the Grand Chapter of Arizona near the Grand Chapter of California.

The Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood of Arizona was held in the city of Prescott, November 14th, 1895,—*M. E. Comp.* MARTIN WILLIAM KALES, President ; *E. Comp.* MORRIS GOLDWATER, Recorder.

The Convention was opened in Ample Form. The annual election of officers for the ensuing year was held.

It was

"*Resolved*, That the next Convocation of the Order of High Priesthood be held on the first Thursday after the second Tuesday of November, 1896, at Tucson, at nine o'clock P. M."

The Convention was then closed.

The *M. E.* RICKMER NICKELS FREDERICKS was elected Grand High Priest ; the *R. E.* GEORGE JAMES ROSKEUGE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

There was no Report on Correspondence.

Chairman of Correspondence : *R. E.* MORRIS GOLDWATER, Grand King, Prescott.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Prescott in November, 1896.

ARKANSAS.

The Grand Chapter of Arkansas held its forty-sixth Annual Convocation at Little Rock, November 21st, 1895,—*M. E. JAMES M. HARKNEY*, Grand High Priest, *R. E. JAMES A. HENRY*, Grand Secretary. Forty-four Chapters were represented. Nine Past Grand High Priests were in attendance. Nineteen Grand Jurisdictions were represented—California not heard from.

M. E. THOMAS H. CASWELL represents "Arkansaw" near the Grand Chapter of California.

The Grand Chapter of Arkansas bears upon her roll fifty-eight Chapters, with a membership of 2060 Royal Arch Masons.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest welcomed the companions and assured them that no commotions, disturbances or contentions existed within their dominions, that peace and harmony prevailed, and as a result there was no work for appeals and grievances at the present session.

In regard to Rituals, he said :—

"I have had many inquiries about our Ritual of secret work, from other jurisdictions and from individuals, asking me if they could, by any means, procure a copy. I answered that our law would not allow the sale of our Ritual. I do not believe it would do any harm to sell them if it could be so arranged as not to interfere with the law and regulations in this case."

No important decisions were reported. He announced the death of Past Grand High Priest *J. M. PINNELL* and paid an earnest tribute to his memory.

We are surprised at the following report from the Committee on Law and Jurisprudence :—

"2d. In regard to the cipher Ritual, we recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to sell to each subordinate Chapter three (3) Rituals including the one already furnished to those Chapters which have supplied themselves. In such cases two (2) more copies be sold to them for the use of the officers of the Chapter. And the Grand Secretary may sell not more than one copy to each foreign Grand Jurisdiction in fraternal relation with our jurisdiction. *Provided*, that the sale of the Ritual be made on strict inquiry in each case, as to the propriety of the sale, and in doubtful cases the sale shall not be made."

Comp. *LAUGHLIN*, as Chairman of Correspondence, approves and justifies this action of the Grand Chapter in a report of that committee.

In answer to criticism he quotes Comp. *DUNCAN* of Louisiana, who says :—

"We would fain add a word on the subject of writing the Ritual in cipher. There was once a man, whom we are taught was one of the three ancient Grand Masters, whose integrity is exhibited to us as the model for all Masons, an integrity by which they should seek to live and in which they should be ready to die. This man, the same Masonic tradition informs us, committed to writing the most important 'secret' of a Mason—even the word. He did it for the good of the Fraternity, that future generations yet unborn might find it, recognize it and use it. He did not do it in such manner that the profane might become cognizant of it—this his obligation forbade. He did not do it in such manner that the secrets of Masonry might thereby be unlawfully obtained. He did it in cipher; he did it in such manner that those entitled to the knowledge might thereby obtain it. In this, Solomon, and Hiram, of Tyre, joined and united with him, and became equal participants in his acts. Unless our three ancient Grand Masters had done what they did, wrote the pivotal secret of Masonry, the fear of the King of Israel would have found its fruition and the word would have been forever lost, and, even if found in the future, could not have been recognized for what it was, and is, without the other marks and indications which proclaimed it Masonic. The deposit was made in such manner that the secrets could be lawfully, and could not unlawfully, be obtained."

True, Comp. LAUGHLIN, the Ark of the Covenant was a good safe depository, but are you sure of your Arkansas Arks. May not some of them leak, and your cipher become a public puzzle to be guessed at by the multitude? We think your Grand Chapter has done what it ought not have done, and that it will be bitterly repented of in the future.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The twenty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Order of High Priesthood met in council at Little Rock, November 22d, 1895,—the *M. E.* SAMUEL W. WILLIAMS, Grand President, *E.* JAMES A. HENRY, Grand Recorder, and a good attendance of members.

The Council was opened in Due Form.

A Committee on Ritual was appointed, to consist of Companions SAMUEL W. WILLIAMS, JAMES A. HENRY, FAY HEMPSTEAD, CHARLES KANTROWITZ, OLIVER C. GRAY, THOMAS M. HORSFALL and THOMAS H. JONES.

The Grand Council then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, at the conclusion of which the Grand Council closed.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

M. E. JAMES H. ROTEN was elected Grand High Priest, *R. E.* JAMES A. HENRY was re-elected Grand Secretary. Chairman of Correspondence, Past Grand High Priest REUBEN J. LAUGHLIN, Bentonville.

The next Annual Convocation will be held at Little Rock, November 18, 1896.

CANADA.

The Grand Chapter of Canada held its thirty-eighth Annual Convocation in the city of Toronto, July 16, 1895,—the *M. E.* J. ROSS ROBERTSON, Grand Z., the *R. E.* THOMAS SARGENT, Grand Scribe E. Seventy-six chartered Chapters were represented, and the Representatives of twenty-six sister Grand Jurisdictions were present.

The *M. E.* Grand Z. delivered his Annual Address. His review of the condition of the several districts is convincing proof that the supervision of the interests of the Grand Chapter of Canada is in competent hands, and while willing to commend the faithful workmen, he did not hesitate to condemn, in plain terms, a wanton neglect of duty. He says:—

“It is pleasant and agreeable to visit Grand Chapter and return home clothed with imposing regalia, which is the emblem of authority; but to accept office and to ignore a solemn obligation to discharge the duties of that office is not in accordance with the morals of Masonry.”

In commenting upon the proposals for new Chapters, he says what we all recognize as “truth founded on experience:—

“Chapters cannot prosper in small centres. One Lodge rarely develops searchers after the higher mysteries of the Royal Arch in sufficient numbers to give strength to a Chapter. Different Lodges have different characteristics, but these are harmonized in the higher and unified life of the Chapter. One great element of strength in our system is its power to build stones hewn from many quarries into the perfected beauty of the Royal Arch.”

The Grand High Priest believes in the Representative system as a means of strengthening and cementing the bonds that mutually join all Masonic organizations. He brands the Past Master's degree as “illegitimate and repellant to the instincts of men who reverence the teachings of Masonry.” Strong words, Most Excellent.

The Grand Superintendents of districts made their usual elaborate reports containing statistical information setting forth fully the condition and prospects of each individual Chapter in their several districts.

The Grand Scribe E. reported the receipts of the jurisdiction for the year at \$17,122.19.

The death of eminent companions of sister Grand Jurisdictions were reported, and duly acknowledged by the Grand Chapter, as Canada's expression of sympathy with the bereaved jurisdictions.

The M. E. J. ROSS ROBERTSON was re-elected Grand Z; M. E. THOMAS SARGENT was re-elected Grand Scribe E.

Comp. the R. E. GEORGE J. BENNETT presented the Report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the doings of forty-two Grand Chapters, with the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter at Topeka last year. Comp. BENNETT gives us an apologetic introduction to the paper, and by way of standing off criticism pleads "first offense," which we can't approve. The work sent up is good, and our companion of Canada is advised to continue in the quarries and give us more specimens of his skill before filing an "offensive plea."

Under Arizona Comp. BENNETT quotes from the Address of Grand High Priest OLIVER, who said: "I am simply a plain business man, and do not feel competent, nor do I consider it my duty, to deliver a lecture on Masonry."

Comp. BENNETT comments as follows:—

"Well, perhaps not; yet we venture the opinion that Comp. OLIVER's example is a lecture in itself. His exalted position establishes that much. But surely the reader may reasonably hope that with the advantages of a fruitful soil, and a pushing people, this young Grand Chapter may not only grow in proportion to its "beautiful" cities, but that time will develop its latent talent and yield a plentiful crop of Masonic students. That it gave promise of distinguishing itself in this respect was manifest in the zeal of the late Comp. HARRY BUDD LIGHTHIZER who was Chairman of Foreign Correspondence, and whose reports were among the brightest of the many that annually cheer and instruct the companions of a vast continent. The Grand High Priest pays a merited tribute to his memory."

The review of California is of the administration of Grand High Priest ELLISON L. CRAWFORD, who shortly after the close of his term was called to eternal rest. In speaking of the Address of the Grand High Priest, Comp. BENNETT expressed his surprise at the intemperate condition of the jurisdiction as intimated in general terms in the Address the Grand High Priest who founded his remarks upon "his observations during the last thirty years," but congratulated his companions that the "moral standard was advancing upward."

Comp. BENNETT comments, and we quote to express our entire concurrence in his intelligent remarks upon this habitual cry of "we are all that is bad, and there is no good in us," as Comp. BENNETT says. For the amusement of our enemies, he writes:—

"The casual reader naturally shudders in contemplating the 'moral standard' of thirty years ago and what the blots may have been that prompted the Grand High Priest to boldly refer to one existing. To what end are the precautions with which the sanctuary is guarded when a chief officer finds it necessary to give utterance to a wail so dismal? It is a sad commentary on the protection of the ballot box, twice exercised, as well as a reflection on the vigilance of the companions generally. But it is just possible that in the golden west, as elsewhere, solitary lapses from virtue are magnified to the proportions of an epidemic and the mere presence on the banquet table of anything more exhilarating than sarsaparilla is sufficient to stamp the occasion a saturnalia. Intemperance, as everybody knows, can, and does, run in channels other than that referred to, and leads now and then to indiscretions as harmful as the indulgences complained of. Precept and example, as the Grand High Priest himself suggests, are remedies invariably potent in their efficacy, whereas publicity given to an imprudent statement of the above sweeping nature, furnishes a weapon for enemies of the Craft and is obviously capable of working an incalculable amount of mischief.

"Meantime it will be observed that notwithstanding 'the cloud upon its good name' Royal Arch Masonry 'has steadily advanced in numbers and influence.' In

view, therefore, of the record of a glorious past, we must be permitted to venture a doubt that the sunny sky over fair California is shadowed by anything more threatening than a fleecy speck."

Under Montana, after noting the doings of the Grand Chapter, Comp. BENNETT directs his pencil at Comp. CORNELIUS HEDGES and addresses him thus:—

"His conclusion is a sketch of the transactions of the general Grand Chapter at Topeka in the droughty August previously, when he arrived 'to find the hotel full with delegates already on the ground.' Fortunately there was no careless printer to perpetrate an injudicious transposition.

"Having taken due note of 'the sun-kissed soil' and the 'beautiful opera house' he devotes a paragraph or two to the opening of the Convocation, and then sails into the inevitable story of the memorable excursion to Fort Riley. We have already waded patiently through some thirty of the proceedings to hand, and in very few have we escaped Fort Riley. Never in its history has Fort Riley been so extolled. Fort Riley with its battle ground, its baseball and its banquet. Fort Riley the possessor of that precious point within a circle marked by a monument. Fort Riley that has been honored and immortalized by the brightest and best of Royal Craftsmen. It is with envy, of a brilliant emerald hue, that we bid adieu to Comp. HEDGES, but the parting is tinted with a sad suspicion that we are not yet through with Fort Riley."

M. E. J. ROSS ROBERTSON, Toronto, Grand Z., M. E. THOMAS SARGENT, Toronto, Grand Scribe E.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Toronto on the 4th Wednesday in January, 1897.

COLORADO.

The Grand Chapter of Colorado held its twenty-first Annual Convocation in the city of Denver September 19th, 1896,—M. E. ALPHONSE A. BURNAND, Grand High Priest; E. Comp. Ed. O. PARMELEE, Grand Secretary. Six Past Grand High Priests were present, with two Past Grand Deputies and a Past Grand King. Thirty of the thirty-one chartered Chapters were represented, and there were in attendance the Representatives of twenty-one sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Representatives present were called to the East, received with the Grand Honors, and fraternally welcomed by the Grand High Priest. The Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada, Comp. L. N. GREENLEAF, on behalf of the Grand Representatives, returned thanks for the welcome reception.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. After invoking heaven's blessings upon the work for which they were assembled, and a brief retrospective view of their growth and progress in the great work in which they were engaged, he observed that the pleasures of the Convocation were tempered with sadness at the loss of twenty-four devoted companions. Prominent among the departed he named J. J. TOPLIFF, the Grand Principal Sojourner, an eminent, zealous, and most earnest worker among them, to whose memory he paid an eloquent tribute. The dead of sister jurisdictions were also remembered, and the death roll referred to the Committee on Necrology for consideration and proper mention.

One dispensation was granted for the formation of a new Chapter. But few special dispensations were issued and but few visitations made to constituent Chapters. No decisions of importance were reported.

The Grand Chapter of Colorado bears upon her roll the names of thirty-one living Chapters, with a membership of 2456 Royal Arch Masons.

From the following report we infer that the work of the General Grand Chapter, adopted by the Grand Chapter of Colorado in 1893, was either badly put together or it has had sad usage, from the description of its present condition:—

Your committee, appointed at the last Annual Convocation to examine, and, if deemed advisable, revise the Ritual, have given the matter full consideration. The work of the General Grand Chapter which was adopted in 1893, is, in our opinion, as satisfactory in most particulars as any work can be. The only suggestions that we have to offer are, that in the Mark Master Mason, M. E. Master, and Royal Arch Degrees, an historical narrative be substituted for the dialogue lecture between Worshipful Master and Senior Deacon or High Priest and Captain of the Host. That there also be used, at the appropriate place, the explanation of the mystic characters upon the Ark, submitted in our report last year.

Also, in the Royal Arch Degree, when the candidates are presented with the working tools before repairing to the ruins, that the Captain of the Host instruct them in their use, and when the candidates have received the explanation of the signs and the mystic characters, they should be sent to the preparation room and reclothed, and then return for the historical narrative.

The dialogue lectures given in the General Grand Chapter work, we recommend as proper for candidates to learn for examination as to proficiency.

The matter of a form of dispensing with labor on one degree and resuming on another, for which no form is provided by the General Grand Chapter, was brought to our attention by Past Grand High Priest HENRY WISE, who had, during his term of office, formulated a ceremony for that purpose; but upon mature consideration your committee are of the opinion that it is better to open and close each degree separately.

A Past Grand High Priest's Jewel was presented to the retiring Grand High Priest, Comp. ALPHONSE A. BARNARD.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Grand Council of Colorado assembled in Denver September 19, 1895,—*M.*: E. LAWRENCE N. GREENLEAF, President, presiding, the *E.*: ED. C. PARMELEE being Recorder and Treasurer, with members and visitors.

The Grand Council was opened in Ample Form.

Six companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, having been elected, were anointed, consecrated, and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

After the transaction of the usual routine business, an election was held and officers were elected for the ensuing year.

The Recorder was ordered to procure a copy of the Ritual.

The Council was then closed.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by Past Grand High Priest E. L. N. FOSTER, who gives us a comprehensive review of the doings of forty-six Grand Royal Arch Bodies, with his opinions as to their general behavior. His review is full and he comments with the confidence of a veteran.

Under California, Comp. FOSTER gives his approval to the legislation of the session of which our lamented ELLISON L. CRAWFORD was the executive head. At the close of his report we find a Digest of Decisions, being a segregation of decisions made by Grand High Priests, and classified under proper headings—a practical and useful method, which adds value to the reports for reference purposes.

Under Oregon, Comp. FOSTER concurs in the refusal of the Grand High Priest to grant a dispensation to fill a vacancy caused by the death of a High Priest, holding that, by virtue of his office, the King succeeded to and becomes acting High Priest. We think that the correct practice, although two years since we had a like vacancy, occurring from the resignation of a High Priest before he had been installed, and, as the Chapter was a large and important one, having at all times an abundance of work, it was deemed for the best interests of the Chapter, in accordance with its unanimous request, that the executive vacancy should be filled, and the Grand High Priest issued the dispensation, with the best results.

Comp. FOSTER is also in favor of expunging from the Masonic vocabulary all inappropriate words and phrases without Masonic meaning or application, such as "quorum," "team," and "order." So mote it be. We concur.

Again he says:—

"We rather doubt the position that the powers of a Grand High Priest are analogous to those of a Grand Master. The inherent rights and prerogatives of a Grand Master have come down from time immemorial, whereas the prerogatives of a Grand High Priest are only those which he obtains by virtue of the Constitution of his Grand Chapter."

To all of which we are agreed, and add that we hope to see Comp. FOSTER, next year, advocate the abolition of the affiliation fee, and thus deliver the most effective blow at the great evil of non-affiliation.

M. E. GEORGE T. COOPER was elected Grand High Priest; E. Comp. ED. C. PARMELEE was re-elected Grand Secretary. Chairman of Correspondence, Past Grand High Priest ERNEST LENEVE FOSTER, Denver.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Deaver September 15, 1896.

CONNECTICUT.

The Grand Chapter of Connecticut held its ninety-seventh Annual Convocation in the city of New Haven May 13th, 1895.—M. E. ISAIAH BAKER, Jr., Grand High Priest, R. E. JAMES MCCORMICK, Grand Secretary. Thirty-five of the thirty-eight Chapters in this jurisdiction were represented. There were also present thirteen Past Grand High Priests and the Representatives of twenty-eight sister Grand Jurisdictions. California's representative, Comp. JAMES E. COBB, was not present.

Connecticut bears upon her Grand Chapter roll the names of thirty-eight constituents, with a membership of 5,215 Royal Arch Masons.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address invoking the blessing of deity upon their deliberations. He welcomed the assembled companions and invited them to share in the labors of the session.

The death of JOSEPH KELLOGG WHEELER, Grand Secretary, having occurred since the last Convocation the Grand High Priest made the melancholy announcement, and, after reciting his Masonic history, said:—

"To an abler pen and more eloquent tongue I have intrusted the delivery of the eulogy of this great and good Mason and man. I hope the Grand Chapter will order it printed with the records of this Convocation that what is now 'engraved on living tablets, the hearts of all true Masons,' may spread abroad and handed down to posterity as a tribute to his memory.

"I suggest that suitable action be taken."

The Grand High Priest also reported the unusual death roll of the national jurisdiction, and on behalf of the Grand Chapter tendered the sympathy of the Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut to the bereaved jurisdictions in their loss of eminent companions.

The Grand High Priest congratulated the Grand Chapter upon the prosperous condition of the jurisdiction and the bright promise of the immediate future.

The Deputy Grand High Priest and Grand Scribe also made detailed report of their official acts.

A delegation of distinguished officials, representing the Grand Chapter of New York, were introduced, welcomed and received with Grand Honors.

We quote from the report of Comp. S. F. STIDHAM, Chairman of committee on deceased companions, the following reference to Comp. JOSEPH K. WHEELER:—

A TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF JOSEPH K. WHEELER.

"The annual report of our Most Excellent High Priest officially recites the various Masonic grades and positions of our deceased companion and friend. I am requested by the Grand High Priest to supplement his report so far as it relates to Grand Secretary WHEELER by a short address touching upon other matters than his well-merited Masonic honors.

"I very heartily accede to his request and offer these words in hearty tribute to the memory of a long honored companion.

AS AN OFFICIAL.

"The future Masonic historian, who writes the story of Masonry in Connecticut for the quarter-century, beginning with 1867, will need to speak much of Companion WHEELER, for in all the grades of the York and Scotch Rites he has been an important factor in securing their prosperity. His life has been interlinked with the progress of the mystic rite, and much of the success which we rejoice in to-day is owing to his wide knowledge of Masonic practice, his familiarity with the Masonic landmarks and Masonic history, and to his cool, level-headed executive ability. For more than twenty-five years he has been the center of Masonic influence in our State. As the executive officer of the four Grand Bodies of the York Rite, Masonry centred and concentrated in his office, and a wise, sound and healthful influence radiated from it. His relation to his brethren, in all the offices he held was unvaryingly courteous, tolerant and self possessed. We bear witness to his readiness at all times to impart information from his full and rich treasury.

"With this brief tribute to the graceful, genial and thorough conduct of his offices, I pass to speak of him as a man.

AS A MAN.

"So general a subdivision as this, covers all that I might wish to say of him in the many relations he sustained to his fellows, as the head of a family, as a citizen, as a man of business. It would allow mention to be made of his natural ability and his acquired culture, of his unvarying good nature, of his skill as a story teller, and his ability as an after-dinner speaker, of his unblemished purity of life, and of his devotion as a christian and a church member.

"Companions, all that my heart prompts me to say, you know as well as I, and some of you far better. If then we pause to trace on this page, words of high encomium, of loving appreciation of the high, manly character of Companion WHEELER, it is not what we who knew him need to be told, or that our memories need to be refreshed, but that the printed page may carry down to the latest posterity the story of his life, that future generations may gather inspiration at the grave of this upright man and zealous Mason, long after our voices are silenced; and keep perennially fresh when we are dust the manly, loving life of this, as courteous and as able a Craftman as ever chiseled an ashlar, and raised the courses of the Temple to the living God.

"The last months of our brother's life were filled with suffering, but he volunteered no sad song of his pain, he plead for no sympathy, he simply carried his burden in a manly way. In his brightest hours he never gushed, so in his gloomiest he had no fits of melancholy. While full of sentiment, he turned with disgust from the pale sickness of sentimentalism, his heart was too healthful to permit him to abide rant and bombast, and the niagaras of tears over pin-sticks of pain. He had cared for his body, and he had cared for his soul, and leaning on the God he had long loved and served, he went to his grave 'not like the quarry-slave, at night, scoured in his dungeon,' but like the warrior, his duty done, he calmly laid him down to 'pleasant dreams.'"

"Yes, how hard it is to part,
We have grown so heart to heart,
And we shall miss you, dear old friends;
Still, we bid you 'go in peace.'"

Thirteen mourning pages are inserted in this volume devoted to the memory of deceased companions.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Annual Convention of anointed High Priests in the jurisdiction of Connecticut met in the city of New Haven, May 13th, 1895,—M. E. H. H. GREEN, President, M. E. CHARLES W. SKIFF, Recorder, and a large attendance of members.

The Convention having been opened in Ample Form.

Twelve companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters and otherwise qualified, having been duly elected, were admitted, anointed and consecrated to the holy order of High Priesthood.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year when Comp. JOHN H. BARLOW, Past Grand High Priest, reported as follows :—

"Your committee appointed to represent this convention at the convention of the various Masonic jurisdictions at Topeka, in August last, present the following report:

"Pursuant to call the delegates met at Masonic Temple in the city of Topeka, Kansas, August 21, 1895. Representatives were present from twenty-three jurisdictions. JOHN W. CHAMBERLIN, of Ohio, was chosen President, and JACOB T. BARNOR, of South Carolina, Secretary.

"After some discussion a committee of five were appointed to report at an adjourned meeting some plan of procedure as to what, if anything, had best be done by this convention for the advancement of the order of High Priesthood. The convention then adjourned until the following day, when the committee presented the following recommendations which were adopted:—

"First—That it is inexpedient to organize a general Grand Convention of the order of High Priesthood.

"Second—That with a view to uniformity in nomenclature, assemblies of the order be designated as conventions of the order of High Priesthood, and individual members as anointed High Priests and addressed as Ex-Companions.

"Third—That the governing body of the order be in each Grand Jurisdiction a Grand Convention of the order of High Priesthood.

"Fourth—That all conventions adopt a formal ceremony of opening and closing.

"Fifth—That with the object of uniformity in work a committee of three be selected to consider and formulate a ritual for the order, which shall include the formal ceremonies of opening, conferring the order and closing with suitable recommendations as to floor work and lectures; and such committee may, upon proper application, furnish one copy of the same to the principal official companion of the order in each of the several Grand Jurisdictions, and shall make a report of all its acts to a convention of High Priests to be holden during or at the next Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, to which convention the several Grand Jurisdictions are recommended to said representatives.

"This being the first convention of the order, and representing so large a number of jurisdictions, much interest was shown by the frequent conversation of companions from the various States in comparing notes of slight differences in the manner of conferring the order, and we think will be attended with good results."

The following resolutions were adopted:—

"Resolved, That an appropriation of \$5.00 be paid to the janitor of the hall.

"Resolved, That the next Annual Grand Convention meet at 7 o'clock p. m.

"Resolved, That the E. T. and R. make arrangements for the usual collation at the close of the next Annual Grand Convention."

No further business appearing the Grand Convention was closed in Ample Form.

Comp. JOHN H. BARLOW submits "yet another" excellent Report on Correspondence. Under California Comp. BARLOW does us the honor of quoting some of our sayings. His review is of the administration of Comp. GRITMAN as Grand High Priest, whose station was filled by the Deputy Comp. ELLISON L. CRAWFORD on account of the serious illness of Comp. GRITMAN. Comp. CRAWFORD succeeded Comp. GRITMAN, and completed his term as Grand High Priest in his usual good health, but in these few brief months both have "gone before to that unknown and silent shore."

"Men drop so fast 'ere life's mid stage we tread,
Few know so many friends alive as dead."

Under Missouri Comp. BARLOW writes, and we share his opinions. In regard to a Chapter funeral service he says:—

"The Grand Chapter appointed a committee of three to prepare a funeral service for the use of Chapters. This, we think, is unnecessary. 'At the grave all ranks are leveled and all distinctions done away.' The plain white apron and the Lodge service are most appropriate for such occasions."

M. E. JAMES R. POST was elected Grand High Priest; R. E. JAMES McCORMICK was elected Grand Secretary. Comp. JOHN H. BARLOW, of Shelton, was retained as Chairman of Correspondence.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Hartford on the second Tuesday in May, 1896.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia was held at the Masonic Temple, December 11, 1895,—the M. E. FRANK L. CAMPBELL, Grand High Priest, the R. E. L. G. STEPHENS, Grand Secretary. Representatives of forty-two sister Grand Chapters were in attendance.

Comp. NOBLE D. LARNER, Past General Grand High Priest, representing California, and the writer of this report has the honor of representing the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia near the Grand Chapter of California.

Ten chartered Chapters were represented, and there were in attendance fourteen Past Grand High Priests, two Past Deputies, two Past Grand Kings, and Past Grand Scribe EDWIN B. MACGROTT.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

In his Address the Grand High Priest gave thanks to the Great Creator for preservation and continued blessings. He referred to the visits of the Grim Messenger and the taking off of loved and honored companions. He referred to the presence of M. E. JACOB H. BROWELL, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, and assured him a hearty and fraternal welcome. He reported his action in the matter of dispensations granted. He thinks the time might be shortened between the presentation of petition from a Master Mason preceding a ballot, from that required of a profane; the presumption is that one is worthy, while the other must be thoroughly investigated.

The Grand High Priest gives an eloquent report of the visit of the Grand Officers, in response to an invitation from the M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, to join in the celebration of their centennial anniversary on the twenty-third of November, 1895. He reports having visited all of the Chapters under their jurisdiction, and some several times during the year.

The ten Chapters have an aggregate membership of 2,192 Royal Arch Masons.

Comp. I. L. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand High Priest's Address in relation to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of New South Wales, made the following report, which was adopted:—

"The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the request of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of New South Wales, asking for recognition by this Grand Chapter and for an exchange of Grand Representatives, respectfully report that said Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons is a regular Masonic Body, with jurisdiction over the Mark Master's Degree only, and is without jurisdiction over the other degrees as conferred in our American Chapters. An exchange of Grand Representatives implies that the bodies accrediting and receiving such Grand Representatives are in all respects equal.

"The Mark Master's Degree in this country being an inferior degree, and subordinate to the Royal Arch, a body whose jurisdiction is limited to this subordinate degree cannot be placed in all respects upon an equality with a body having jurisdiction over degrees of a higher grade. The most this Grand Chapter can do is to recognize the Mark Masters made under the jurisdiction of the Grand Mark Lodge of New South Wales as regular Mark Master Masons, and they may be admitted into our Chapters when open on that degree.

"Your committee therefore recommend that the request for exchange of Grand Representatives be fraternally declined, but whenever a Mark Master Mason hailing from the jurisdiction of New South Wales presents himself for admission to any of our Chapters when working in the Mark Master's Degree, he may be admitted upon complying with the usual Masonic tests and requirements."

Comp. I. L. JOHNSON reported in reference to a communication submitted to the Committee on Jurisprudence relative to the Grand Chapter of Victoria, that no evidence had been furnished the committee that said Grand Chapter had been legally

organized, and advised that no action be taken by this Grand Chapter until such evidence was presented.

The following testimonial, in honor of our beloved Past Grand High Priest JOHN MILLS BROWNE, speaks for itself:—

"Comp. MATTHEW TRIMBLE, from the special committee to whom was referred the death of Past Grand High Priest J. MILLS BROWNE at the last Annual Convocation, submitted the following report, which was received and the recommendations adopted:

"Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions of respect to the memory of Past Grand High Priest JOHN MILLS BROWNE, beg leave to submit the following:

"M. E. Companion BROWNE was a member of this Grand Chapter by virtue of his honorary membership in *Washington* Chapter, No. 2. His long residence in this jurisdiction, his life-long devotion to the various bodies of Masonry, his genial disposition and splendid qualities of mind and heart, made him always a welcome guest at our gatherings.

"It is, therefore, with profound sorrow at his decease and our sympathy with his family,

"Resolved, That in the death of Most Excellent Companion JOHN MILLS BROWNE this Grand Chapter has suffered the loss of an earnest, able, and conscientious worker in the cause of Capitular Masonry.

"Resolved, That a page of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter be set apart, on which shall be inscribed such a testimonial to his memory as the M. E. Grand High Priest may deem appropriate.

"Resolved, That our sympathy is extended to his family, and that a copy of these resolutions be furnished his widow by the Grand Secretary, under the seal of the Grand Chapter."

A meeting of the Convention of High Priests and Past High Priests for the District of Columbia was held in the Tabernacle, at Masonic Temple, December 30, 1895, and officers elected for the ensuing year. Seven companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, received the Order of High Priesthood January 8, 1896.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by the veteran chairman, Comp. WILLIAM R. SINGLETON, who has reviewed the doings of thirty-nine Capitular Grand Bodies, and submits his comments upon the legislation had.

Under California, his review is of the administration of Grand High Priest ELLISON L. CRAWFORD, since passed to eternal rest. He quotes from the address of our lamented companion, and approves his rulings.

Of our beloved companion, JOHN M. BROWNE, he says:—

"This writer made his acquaintance first when he was an Assistant Surgeon at the Navy Hospital at Portsmouth, Virginia. Upon his removal from California to Washington, he was greatly pleased to meet with him at General PIKE's, and renewed the social intercourse as well as Masonic."

Under Delaware, in answer to Comp. HARRISON, who has said that "an objection is equivalent to a blackball," Comp. SINGLETON clearly and forcibly corrects the assertion. He says:—

"In this Comp. HARRISON is laboring under a mistake. A very large number do not say this. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, many years since, settled this question: That if reasons for the objections are assigned, they should be examined by a committee, and the Body, upon a review, should determine the question.

"Many Grand Bodies, both Lodges and Chapters, have adopted the rule of the District of Columbia—that one degree given to a candidate makes him a Mason of that Body, and, therefore, entitled to Masonic justice, and an objector to his advancement must give his reasons, and they are subject to a review by a committee, and should be voted on by the Body.

"In the case of a profane elected to receive the degrees it is different. We are under no obligations to him as yet, and, therefore, an objection is as an unfavorable ballot; but once a Mason, then justice to him and equity to the Lodge demands the reasons why he can not advance, and why the Lodge should be deprived of his

services, and, perhaps, good influences for Masonry. A bad man can keep out of Masonry many and many a good man by unworthy objections, and hence it is a good rule to *demand* his reasons as against a Mason.

M. E. THEODORE G. DEMOLL was elected Grand High Priest; *R. E.* LEWIS G. STEPHENS was re-elected Grand Secretary. Chairman of Correspondence, Comp. WILLIAM R. SINGLETON, Masonic Temple, Washington, D. C.

The next Annual Convocation will be held December 9, 1896.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

A Special Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales was held at Mark Mason's Hall in London July 12, 1894,—the *M. W.* Right Hon. the EARL OF EUSTON, Provincial Grand Master, presiding, the *R. W.* O. F. MATIER, P. G. W., Grand Secretary. The Grand Stewards of the year, many Past Grand Stewards, with many present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, and the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Overseers of many private Lodges, were present.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Grand Secretary read the following summons:—

"*W.* SIR AND BROTHER:—Your attendance is requested at a Special Grand Lodge, to be holden in Mark Mason's Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln Inn Fields, on Thursday, the 12th July, at twelve for one o'clock punctually, to consider and resolve upon addresses of congratulation on the auspicious birth of the son of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York.

"By command of the *M. W.* Pro. Grand Master.

O. F. MATIER, *Grand Secretary.*"

After an Address to the Queen, the following to the Grand Master was unanimously adopted, and the special session of the Grand Lodge closed:—

"To His Royal Highness ALBERT EDWARD, Prince of Wales, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, &c., &c., &c., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown.

"We, the Pro. Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Officers and Members, in Special Grand Lodge assembled, beg most respectfully to offer to your Royal Highness, as our Most Worshipful Grand Master, our warmest and most sincere congratulations on the birth of a son and heir to His Royal Highness the Duke of York, your Royal Highness's son, and to express, on behalf of every Mark Mason, the joy and gladness caused by this most auspicious event.

"It is the heartfelt prayer of every member of our Order that the Great Overseer of the Universe may pour down every blessing on the Infant Prince and on every member of your Royal Family, grant that your Royal Highness may long continue in health and strength to preside over us."

Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons were held September 4th and December 4th, 1894, and March 5th and June 4th, 1895,—the *M. W.* Right Hon. EARL OF EUSTON, presiding.

The General Board reported the collection of £1894 at the twenty sixth Annual Festival held for the benefit of the Mark Benevolent Fund.

At the second Quarterly warrants were granted for four new Lodges, and much financial business transacted. Before closing, the Pro. Grand Master addressed the brethren, as follows:—

"Brethren, we have met here, for the last time in the current year, to transact the business of Grand Lodge, and I think if we look back on this year we shall see that the Mark Degree has flourished and prospered. I therefore take this opportunity of thanking every brother of Grand Lodge of this Mark Degree, for working forward the degree to the point to which it has attained. The degree has prospered,

and therefore I thank those in office and out of it for their great services. On behalf of His Royal Highness, the Grand Master, I thank you most thoroughly for your services. I hope, as the season is coming on, you will have a joyous time—have a Merry Christmas, and a Happy and prosperous New Year."

At the third Quarterly, held March 5, 1896, the Pro. Grand Master, presiding, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was re-elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales.

At the fourth Quarterly, held June 4, 1896, full financial reports were rendered, showing receipts for the year ending March 30, 1896, to be £3113.15.9; expenditure, £2611.2.10. Balance in bank, £401.7.11.

Fund of Benevolence, as per balance sheet of March 30, 1896, investments on deposit, £15,643.2.2.

The twenty-eighth Annual Festival for the benefit of the Mark Benevolent Fund will be held in July, 1896, under the chairmanship of R. W. C. L. MASON, Pro. G. M. for West Yorkshire.

The Fund is divided into the Benevolent, Educational, and Annuity Branches and all donations and subscriptions are apportioned equally between these three objects.

FLORIDA.

The forty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Florida was held in the city of Jacksonville May 14, 1896,—M. E. WILLIAM M. MOINTOSH, Grand High Priest; R. E. WILLIAM A. MCLEAN, Grand Secretary. Twelve Chapters were represented. There were present four Past Grand High Priests and the Representatives of sixteen sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with appropriate ceremonies conducted by the Grand Chaplain, when the Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address.

He cordially welcomed the companions, urged them to rekindle their fervency and zeal in the interests of Capitular Masonry, to the end that laws should be enacted adding to the future prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry in Florida.

He announced the deaths of many eminent companions—the Grand High Priests of Indiana and New Brunswick, the Past Grand High Priests of Delaware, Illinois, South Dakota and Tennessee, and Past Grand King of Oregon, and paid to their memories a sincere tribute of fraternal regard.

His decisions were few, and were affirmed without question. He granted the restoration of a forfeited charter, "because the companions were zealous in the cause and gave promise of usefulness and prosperity."

The receipts for the year were \$780, and the expenditures \$646.54.

A communication was received from Past Grand High Priest ENOS WARGATE, fraternally greeting the Grand Chapter upon its forty-ninth assembly, and reporting his visit to the Grand Chapter of Maine and the cordial reception he received from that Grand Chapter, the Grand Secretary was directed to respond, which he did in his usual happy manner.

The Grand Chapter

"Resolved, That as the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, occurring in 1896, completes the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Order in the State of Florida, a committee be appointed to prepare suitable ceremonies and make all necessary arrangements for the celebration of the semi-centennial of the Grand Chapter of the State of Florida."

The memorial page contains the names of eleven companions of their own kindred and brethren who rested from their labors during the year 1894.

Florida has enrolled nineteen Chapters, with a membership of 594 Royal Arch Masons.

The High Priests of the jurisdiction of Florida met in Annual Convention May 15, 1895,—*M. E.* IRVING E. WEBSTER, Vice-President, presiding. Seven companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, and otherwise qualified, having been elected, were received, anointed, and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood. After the election of officers the Convention closed.

M. E. JOHN H. STEPHENS was elected Grand High Priest; *R. E.* WILLIAM A. McLEAN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Jacksonville the second Tuesday in May, 1896.

No Report on Correspondence.

GEORGIA.

The Grand Chapter of Georgia held its seventy-third Annual Convocation in the city of Macon April 24th, 1895,—the *M. E.* JAMES W. TAYLOR, Grand High Priest *R. E.* ANDREW M. WOLHIN, Grand Secretary. Georgia has enrolled ninety Chapters, with a membership of 3,073 Royal Arch Masons. Eighty-eight Chapters were represented.

Two Past Grand High Priests were present with a Past Deputy and a Past Grand Scribe, also the Representatives of twenty sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the reverend companion and Grand Chaplain WHITEFORD S. RAMSAY.

The Grand High Priest in commencing his Address gave thanks to God for being permitted to assemble in their seventy-third Annual Convocation, and welcomed his associates to the duties of the session. After commenting upon the prosperity and progress of the jurisdiction he, with much feeling, reported the death of Comp. WALTER T. McARTHUR "as one who possessed all the qualities that go to make up a man and Mason."

He referred to the loss of illustrious companions by sister jurisdictions and said: "We deeply sympathize with these sister jurisdictions in their sad bereavement. We greatly feel the loss, for when such lights in Masonry go out society suffers and the grand old Order mourns."

But four decisions were rendered during the year, and they leave no room for comment. The Grand High Priest gives an interesting report of the Convocation of the General Grand Chapter at Topeka, and the part of the work in which the Georgia delegation were engaged.

The receipts for the year were \$4,287.00, the expenditures \$5,979.50. The Grand Chapter borrowed the amount needed to fix up the accounts, its credit being A 1.

The Grand Chapter resolved that "all companions of seventy years, who are in good standing, shall be exempt from dues." A wise regulation.

It also resolved, That hereafter it shall not be lawful for the Grand Treasurer to pay to any member his mileage or per diem, at any Convocation, until the close of the same.

The Grand Chapter gave token of their appreciation of the nine years service of Grand High Priest, JAMES W. TAYLOR, by the adoption of the following:—

"WHEREAS, Our Most Excellent Companion, JAMES W. TAYLOR, accepted the office of Grand High Priest at a time when Capitular Masonry was on the decline in this jurisdiction, and by earnest, faithful and zealous labor brought about a great revival in our noble Craft in Georgia, and has succeeded in placing the rite on the high road to prosperity; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due and are hereby

tendered to our retiring Grand High Priest, JAMES W. TAYLOR, for the able, courteous and efficient manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this Grand Body for nine years.

"Be it further resolved, That in retiring from the high and exalted position which he has for so many years so ably filled, he carries with him the love and respect as well as the most earnest wishes of his companions for his future welfare, prosperity and happiness."

Adopted by a rising vote.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Council of High Priests for the State of Georgia was held in the city of Macon April 24th, 1895,—M. E. WM. ABRAM LOVE, Vice President, presiding, M. E. ANDREW M. WOLHIN, Recorder.

Convention opened in Due Form.

Ten companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, and having the necessary qualification were received, anointed and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

The President and Vice President were authorized to prepare a ritual and furnish each officer of the Council with one copy of the same. Why not publish it in the "Masonic Herald?"

After the election of officers the Council closed.

The Report on Correspondence is by Rev'd Comp. WHITEFORD S. RAMSAY, who reviews thirty six Grand Royal Arch Bodies in a thoroughly able and dignified manner. His review of California is for the administration of Comp. GRITMAN, and on account of his illness, presided over by Comp. ELLISON L. CRAWFORD—only a few brief months and, yet, both have passed away. We shall miss them in our assemblies, in committee room and around the altar, but we shall meet again.

"Shall man alone for whom all else revives
No resurrection know? Shall man alone,
Imperial man! be soon in barren ground,
Less privileged than grain, on which he feeds?"

Our companions have reached the end of life; the brittle thread has been severed, and their liberated spirits have winged their flight to the unknown world and returned to God who gave them. Peace to their memories. Comp. RAMSAY finds but little to comment on in our proceedings; in fact there is nothing out of the business routine to attract the notice of the correspondent. The compliment to the writer, however, is appreciated all the same. While in New York city on our return from Boston last month we met a gentleman who seemed to be attracted by our "grizzly badge," and guessed we were from California. We confessed, and he enquired if we had any knowledge of our Doctor HENRY S. ORME. We plead guilty to that specification also. The gentleman introduced himself as Doctor SAMUEL HOPE of Atlanta, and we had a pleasant chat about ORME, Boston and Georgia. The doctor wanted a California badge, which we promised to forward on our arrival home. We did not meet Past Grand Master ORME until the recent session of our Grand Lodge, when he, upon being informed of our promise, insisted upon supplying the badge for Sir Samuel, and which we forwarded to his address, Atlanta. So much for a pleasant interview with a Georgia doctor, and all on account of a Grizzly badge.

Under District of Columbia Comp. RAMSAY writes of our good companion and much loved Past Grand Master and Past Grand High Priest JOHN MILLS BROWNE:—

"Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Comp. GEORGE H. WALKER, dwells at length in his Annual Address on the great loss the Craft has sustained in the death of Most Excellent Companion JOHN MILLS BROWNE. Dr. BROWNE had a national reputation and distinguished himself as surgeon in the Navy until he was promoted to the high rank of Surgeon General of the United States Navy. His many excellent

"In compliance with a resolution of this Grand Chapter, adopted at the Annual Convocation in 1894, this session will be called from labor to refreshment at 2 o'clock P. M., in order that the afternoon and evening may be devoted to the anointing of High Priests by the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood.

"It is hoped to make this Convention of High Priests more interesting than any that have been held heretofore, and that, in addition to the anointing of High Priests and devising means toward increasing the usefulness of this Order, a reunion or love feast of the Patriarchs will be celebrated and the incidents and ceremonies of 'ye olden tyme' will be retold by such veterans as Comps. R. C. CABERN, ASA W. BLAKESLEY, JOHN M. PRABSON, S. O. VAUGHN, WILEY M. EGAN, LOYAL L. MUNN, Gen. J. C. SMITH, and others who were among the first in our Grand Jurisdiction to be anointed High Priests after the fashion in which MOSES anointed AARON and his sons in the Land of Israel.

"It is hoped and expected that the officers and representatives of the Grand Chapter, who have been anointed, will attend this convention in a body.

"The Order of High Priesthood is honorarium, and is conferred only upon High Priests of Royal Arch Chapters. There is no order or degree of Masonry that can be traced so successfully to the source from which it came, as this order. It is purely American and was introduced as a part of the ceremony incident to the installation of High Priests about a century ago.

"The ceremonies are most interesting and impressive, and founded upon the historical meeting of ABRAHAM and MELCHIZEDEK, Priest of the Most High God, and the anointing of AARON and his sons to the Priesthood.

"Since the founding of the Order it has grown so popular that independent Grand Councils have been organized in the jurisdiction of nearly every Grand Chapter in the United States.

"A Convention of the Presidents and representatives of the various State Councils was held in Topeka, Kansas, during the Convocation of the General Grand Chapter in 1894. Representatives were present from nearly every State in the Union, and all were enthusiastic in their attachments to the Order.

"The present Grand Council of High Priests of Illinois was organized September 27, 1855. M. E. Comp. LEVI LUSK was the first President, serving until 1861, when he was succeeded by M. E. Comp. M. J. NOYES, who served until 1867, at which time M. E. Comp. L. L. MUNN was elected, and has served continuously until the present time."

The late Dr. MACKAY, Past M. E. General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, says of the Order of High Priesthood in his encyclopedia of Free Masonry: "The Order of High Priesthood has in it more of the elements of sublimity and impressiveness, and is more scripturally and Masonically appropriate for that which it was intended than any other order or degree in Masonry," and the committee on doings of Grand Officers concurred in his opinions.

The Committee on Obituaries made an impressive and eloquent report, closing with the following sentiment:—

"To the families and friends of our departed companions this Grand Chapter tenders its fraternal sympathy and bids them follow that peaceful light from heaven, which leads to that realm of rest, that peaceful abode where sorrow and death cannot enter."

The sum of one thousand dollars was appropriated for the benefit of the Illinois Masonic Orphans Home.

M. E. Comp. JOSEPH E. DYAS, Grand Captain of the Host of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, was introduced and welcomed by the Grand High Priest and saluted with the Grand Honors.

"E. Comp. JOHN C. SMITH, Past Grand Master of Egypt, spoke of his late voyage around the world and his very pleasant reception in 'Chapter Zoroaster' at Bombay, India. He read an invitation from the Most Excellent Principals and Companions of said Chapter, inviting the 'Grand High Priests, officers and members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois' to attend a banquet of the Chapter. The invitation was received and the Grand Secretary directed to acknowledge the same."

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Illinois convened in the city of Chicago, October 24th, at 2:30 P. M.,—*M. E. Comp.* LOYAL L. MUNN, President, *M. E. Comp.* JAMES A. HAWLEY, Recorder, and a large attendance of anointed High Priests.

Sixty-seven companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters and otherwise qualified, having been elected, were admitted, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

The report of the Recorder and Treasurer were received and approved; an election was held and officers elected for the ensuing year.

Immediately upon the adjournment of the Council, and in accordance with the resolution of the last year, the companions proceeded to the Sherman House to partake of a dinner and hear the address on the Order of High Priesthood by *M. E. Companion* Gen. JOHN C. SMITH the Vice President of the Council.

"The dinner was an excellent one, only such as the host, Mr. PIERCE, and his sons, know how to provide, and for which they were highly complimented. One hundred and fifty companions were present and participated.

"*M. E. Companion* LOYAL L. MUNN, President of the Council, presided, and in his pleasant, unique way made the members feel at ease. The sentiments proposed by the President and responses by the companions, as follows, were appropriate, instructive and eloquent:

"The first sentiment proposed was 'the Grand Lodge of Illinois,' responded to by Companion LEROY A. GODDARD, *M. W. Past Grand Master*. The next was 'the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois' and response by Companion WILLIAM L. MILLIGAN, *M. E. Grand High Priest*. This was followed with 'the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Illinois,' and the response was by Companion HENRY H. MONTGOMERY, *R. E. Past Grand Commander*."

Addresses were delivered by President LOYAL L. MUNN, Past Grand Master LEROY A. GODDARD, Grand High Priest WM. L. MILLIGAN, Grand Commander H. H. MONTGOMERY and Past Grand Master and Past Grand Commander Gen. JOHN C. SMITH. *Comp. Gen. SMITH* made a most interesting address upon the history of the Order, and from personal experience gave the companions an excellent description of the localities named in the holy writings and referred to in the Order of High Priesthood—the city of Hebron, the groves of Mamre. The hills and pools named in connection with the Order furnish most satisfactory information to those interested in the system of Capitular Masonry, and especially to High Priests of Chapters. The following few words from his address relate an interesting incident in connection with the evenings entertainment:—

"We dined with a Jewish family down in the valley, and from that family we succeeded in getting a bottle of wine made from the grapes of Eschol, and a bottle of olive oil made from the olives of Hebron, which we safely brought home with us, and the same is that which you have this day been anointed and consecrated."

The Report on Correspondence is by the veteran, Companion *M. E.* JOHN M. PEARSON, and is a review of forty-five Grand Royal Arch Bodies. He says he hurried it up "because he wanted to go to Boston." *Comp. PEARSON* compliments *Comp. BELDEN* of Arizona on his excellent report, and agrees with him in his conclusions in regard to the propriety of abolishing the Past Master's degree. *Comp. BELDEN*, had written: "Let it be studied more and slighted less, and our worthy companions will soon cherish and respect it. Let every High Priest preserve the dignity of the chair and this discussion will cease;" to all of which we are agreed.

Under California he reports the death of Past Grand High Priest ELLISON L. CRAWFORD, having been informed thereof by their representative, near our Grand Chapter, *Comp. FRANKLIN H. DAY*. Of our lamented *Comp. CRAWFORD* *Comp. PEARSON* says:—

"A good, conscientious man and Mason, who filled his official station with satisfaction to the members of the Grand Chapter; "his closing words, which we give below, must have an increased tone of sadness for our companions of California."

Comp. PEARSON quotes from the Address of the Grand High Priest and commends his faithful discharge of his official duties. He also gives his emphatic endorsement to the recommendations of Grand High Priest CRAWFORD in relation to the violation of General Regulation 21, and the action of the Grand Chapter in its efforts to prevent the swindling of our kindred and brethren by the wholesaling, retailing or peddling of bogus degree.

M. E. GEO. M. MOULTON was elected Grand High Priest, R. E. GIL W. BARNARD was re-elected Grand Secretary. Correspondent, Past Grand High Priest JOHN M. PEARSON, Godfrey, Madison County.

The next (forty-seventh Annual Convocation) will be held in the city of Chicago October 29th, 1896.

INDIANA.

The Grand Chapter of Indiana held its fiftieth Annual Convocation in the city of Indianapolis October 23, 1895,—R. E. HENRY W. MORDENST, Acting Grand High Priest; R. E. WILLIAM H. SMYTHE, Grand Secretary. Eighty-five of the ninety chartered Chapters were represented. There were present thirteen Past Grand High Priests, and the Representatives of thirty-three sister Grand Jurisdictions.

Past Grand High Priest EDWARD COLEMAN represents the Grand Chapter of Indiana near the Grand Chapter of California.

This semi-centennial volume is a magnificent book—a splendid record of the Grand Chapter of Indiana's fifty years of service. On its opening pages appears the portraits of the Grand High Priest and the Grand Secretary, while within its covers are found the portraits of the thirty-six Past Grand High Priests who have represented its executive authority since its formation in 1845.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Acting Grand High Priest opened his Address with this sad announcement. He said:—

"We meet at this, the fiftieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, with the Chair of our Grand High Priest again draped in mourning. For the second time within two years has death visited us to call hence the chief officer of the Royal Craft in Indiana.

"On the morning of October 27th, one week after my return home from Grand Chapter, I received this telegram from the Grand Secretary: 'Grand High Priest MANNING is dead. What are your orders?' I trust that in acknowledging that for the moment I was unnerved, I shall not have confessed to an unmanly act. Comp. MANNING had been my friend for many years, and his, to me, unexpected death was indeed a great shock. After directing Comp. SMYTHE to endeavor to notify all Chapters in time for the funeral, I took the first train for Michigan City, and there remained until all that was mortal of our Grand High Priest had been, by loving hands, tenderly committed to the earth."

Comp. MANNING's death was sudden, having been stricken with apoplexy while seated in the cars waiting to be conveyed to St. Joseph. His memory is honored wherever he was known, for his record among Masons was that of a large hearted, broad minded, liberal and faithful Companion.

The eminent dead of sister jurisdictions were also reported by the Grand High Priest, and sympathetic tribute extended to the families and friends of the Companions called hence.

No decisions of importance were reported.

We note the following recommendation:—

"Formerly it was impossible to place the pictures of our Grand High Priests in the proceedings without a vast outlay of money for steel engravings. With the great advancement made of late years in the printers' art, the cost of a very good likeness has been reduced to a nominal sum. The desirability of perpetuating the features of those who have presided over the Craft cannot well be gainsaid. I therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to print, from time to time, such of the pictures of our Past Grand High Priests as have not as yet appeared in our proceedings and until all shall have been published."

From the Grand Secretary's Report we learn that the receipts for the year were \$2,844.42; disbursements, same period, \$4,678.40, and a balance remains in Grand Treasury of \$3,602.99.

The ninety chartered Chapters have a membership of 6,479.

The Committee on Semi-Centennial presented the following report:—

"To the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Indiana:—

"COMPANIONS: Your Committee on Arrangements for Semi-Centennial Celebration appointed at the last Annual Convocation to prepare for a banquet and appropriate ceremonies whereby to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of this Grand Chapter, beg to report that the duties assigned it have been performed. As most of the members of this Grand Body were present at the observance of this auspicious occasion, and a full report of the festivities will, in all probability, appear with the Grand Chapter proceedings, we think it unnecessary to render a detailed account of the same.

"The committee herewith presents a bill of expenses incurred, the sum total of which amounts to \$347.36, and requests that it be referred to the Committee on Claims—which was so ordered."

Section 3, of Article VII, of the Constitution, was amended, by the unanimous vote of the Grand Chapter, to read as follows, to wit:—

"Sec. 3. Every Chapter shall, on or before the first day of April, annually, pay to the Grand Secretary for the use of the Grand Chapter, such sums for exaltation and annual dues of members as may, from time to time, be fixed upon by the Grand Chapter. *Provided*, that each Chapter has the right to remit the dues of any member of such Chapter who may be in 'indigent circumstances,' and unable to pay the same, in which case such Chapter shall not be required to pay dues for such indigent companion to the Grand Chapter."

The Committee on Necrology made an eloquent report devoted to the memory of Comp. JOSEPH A. MANNING, in which they say:—

"Your committee can pay no higher tribute to the memory of him whom all delighted to honor, than that he was a Royal Arch Mason in all those words imply."

The Grand Chapter

"*Resolved*, That Past Grand High Priest THOMAS B. LONG, be and he is hereby appointed Historian of this Grand Chapter, and that he be authorized to complete the history of Royal Arch Masonry in Indiana, began in his admirable address at the recent assembly, together with such biographical sketches and incidents in connection with the Fraternity in this State as may be appropriate to a work of this kind, and that he be allowed all necessary expenses, to be audited by the Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer."

"ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD."

The Council of High Priests of Indiana met in Masonic Temple, Indianapolis, October 22d, 1895.—*Mr. E. ALEXANDER THOMAS*, President; *Comp. MARTIN H. RICE*, Recorder, and a large number of members.

The Council was opened with solemn prayer. Twenty-two companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters and otherwise qualified, having been elected, were anointed and consecrated to the Holy Order of High Priesthood in Solemn Form.

A committee was appointed to consider and report upon the sad loss the Council had sustained in the death of Comp. JOSEPH ALBERT MANNING, the Master of Ceremonies of this Council and late Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Indiana. The report of the committee was adopted by a rising vote.

The Council held an election of officers for the ensuing year, and closed in Solemn Form.

"CELEBRATION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY."

The Grand Chapter of Indiana assembled in the Temple, October 22d. at 7:30 P. M., for the purpose of observing in a fitting manner their Semi-Centennial Anniversary. The Grand Officers were present, the Acting Grand High Priest, R. E. HENRY W. MORDHURST, presiding. The Representatives of fifty-five Chapters were present. Twelve Past Grand High Priests joined in the ceremonies. Among the visitors, the representative Masons of the State were present in large numbers; the Grand Master of Masons in Indiana, the Deputy of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, the Grand Commander of Knights Templar, the Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, with many Past Grand Officers and Dignitaries of all the departments of Freemasonry; the Mayor of Indianapolis, and many eminent citizens from various parts of Indiana and neighboring States.

The call to order was made by the Grand High Priest, who introduced the Grand Chaplain, and after prayer and music, the Orator of the occasion, Past Grand High Priest THOMAS B. LONG, was presented, who submitted "a history of Capitular Masonry in the State of Indiana before the organization of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in December, 1845."

In his introduction, Comp. Long said:—

"In accepting an invitation from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Indiana to prepare an historical paper to be read at the Celebration of the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the organization of this Grand Body, a careful consideration of the proper Masonic period to be embraced in that composition resulted in the choice of the era of the introduction and progress of Capitular Masonry in the State prior to the time of the formation of the Grand Chapter of Indiana on December 25, 1845. The fundamental sources of the history of the Grand Chapter are beyond all probable danger of loss or destruction, since they exist in multiplied forms, not only within the limits of the State, but are also widely dispersed throughout the country in numerous complete sets of the printed proceedings of that Grand Body; but that is not the case as to the introduction and early annals of the Royal Craft in Indiana. So far as existing records are concerned (and there only have these valuable data been at all preserved), the Capitular Annals of this period are found in but four localities of our State, namely: Madison, Vincennes, Logansport and Richmond. The records of the early Chapters then established are liable to destruction in part or entirely at almost any moment. Besides this as history, no one of them is complete without the additional light that must come from the others. The student of the records of one of these bodies cannot ascertain the contemporaneous transactions of all or any of the others without a considerable expenditure of time and means; and it may be long, indeed, before another companion may take the trouble, in these busy days of a busy world, again to collect into one possession the highly interesting transactions of these four old chapters. The history of the Grand Chapter, as it may be gleaned from the printed proceedings already referred to, can be written at any time when an order to that end shall be made by the Grand Body itself or (at what infinitely later period?) when private interest may regard the work as one of personal profit. Long before either of these inducements may be offered, the frail and already failing records of its pioneer Chapters may be gone forever, and the relative annals of the formative period can never again be utilized in the production of an intelligent and perfect history of Royal Arch Masonry in Indiana."

These were the inducements which led to the preparation of the history at present at hand, the further preservation of which must now be a matter of consideration by Grand Chapter of Indiana.

The history of the four Chapters mentioned is a most interesting record of the

doings of those pioneers, the occasional incidents occurring, disclosed by the record, are of sparkling interest to the companions of the present generation. For instance in the history of *Vincennes* Chapter, Bro. LONG gets the following item:—

"June 10, 1827, the celebrated LORENZO DOW was present as a visitor. The following day, June 11, 1827, the annual meeting occurred for the election of officers for the ensuing year. Comp. Dow was again present, and his petition was presented, the by-laws dispensed with, and he was received as a member of this Chapter, his fees being remitted."

At the present day we would consider the subsequent proceedings as both strange and exceptional, for in the election of officers, which immediately followed, the first line of the result reads:—

"Rev. and M. E. LORENZO DOW, High Priest, together with the rest of the officers then elected (among whom was THOMAS BISHOP, as King). He was at once installed by JAMES T. MOFFATT, Past High Priest, who was the presiding officer of the meeting."

In view of the important place held by this singular and eloquent divine in church history, as well as in memory and tradition, and as a parallel to a record of *Vincennes* Chapter close at hand and one of a year's later date, it may be interesting to note a peculiar incident in his previous Masonic career. He was initiated in *St. Alban's* Lodge, No. 6, at Bristol, Rhode Island, on Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25, 1824. On the succeeding morning and afternoon he preached in the Methodist Church, and when the proposition was made to him to receive the other two degrees on that day he readily assented, saying there was nothing in the Masonic doctrine or practice that would forbid a God-loving creature from engaging in it on the Lord's day. Accordingly, after the afternoon service in the church, the Lodge convened and he was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and raised to that of Master Mason in time for him to hold evening service in the church.

The same strength of character, firmness and fearlessness that characterized his ministrations of the Gospel would necessarily mark his attachment to Masonry, and so, at one time, during the height of the anti-Masonic excitement, a crowd, well knowing where his course tended, following him on his way to the Lodge with unpleasant and offensive expressions concerning his connection with the Fraternity; to all of which no answer was made by him until he reached the door of the Masonic Hall, when, facing the crowd, he exclaimed: "Whither I go, ye cannot come."

Bro. LONG has commenced a splendid work for the Grand Chapter of Indiana and we trust will receive his reward.

An enjoyable banquet closed the exercises, at the conclusion of which the first toast was proposed: "To the Order of High Priesthood." This was responded to by M. E. ALEXANDER THOMAS, President of the Council of High Priesthood, and for the information of the High Priests of California, we quote it here. He said:

"When we come to speak of anything that is as exclusive as is the Order of High Priesthood, it is perhaps not amiss to refer briefly to its origin, and for this purpose it will suffice for the present to say that our Holy Order of High Priesthood is an institution of American origin, and this alone, if nothing else, should give it great importance with us.

"Masonry in general is too old to be claimed as originating in our country, for it is the oldest, the greatest and most noble of all the institutions attributed to mortal man, and the greatest and noblest of men in all parts of the world have been its patrons, and many of the crowned heads of the old world have not deemed it derogatory to their character to patronize the Order and protect its assemblies.

"While this is the case as to Masonry in general in the old world, our Holy Order of High Priesthood is but little known, and perhaps there it has no organized existence. But in America, the greatest country in the world, is reserved the first promulgation of the greatest and grandest portion of that Wonderful Order, Freemasonry—the Holy Order of High Priesthood. It was brought into existence by the

General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the six Northern States of America, now changed to the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, and in the city of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island.

"This event took place on the 10th of January, 1799. A committee to revise the Constitution had been appointed, and, after completing their labors, made report to the General Grand Chapter. In this report there were certain words used that had not previously been used in Masonry. They also speak of 'other necessary ceremonies not proper to be written.' Those who have passed through these ceremonies well know that they could mean the ceremonies of the Order of High Priesthood and nothing else.

"This committee consisted of such distinguished Masons as BENJAMIN HURD, the General Grand High Priest; THOMAS SMITH WEBB, the General Grand King, and JAMES HARRISON, the General Grand Scribe.

"The report was fully approved and adopted by the General Grand Chapter, and the Order continued under its care and protection until the meeting at Lexington, Kentucky, in September, 1853, when, in amending the Constitution, the provision relating to the Order was left out; from this time forward the Order became the exclusive property of its recipients, and Councils organized, and to be organized in the future.

"Some Councils had been organized, and in other localities the good work was taken up, and thus the work continued until at the present time nearly, if not quite all of the States of the Union have their Council of High Priesthood. It may be well to mention here some of the earliest organizations. Comp. EDWARD T. SCHULTZ, a very able and devoted Mason of Maryland, makes the following statement:—

"The Council of High Priests of Maryland was organized May 7, 1824, and has had a continuous existence to the present time. Its records, with the autographic signatures of all companions anointed since that date, are preserved and highly valued by the companions of Maryland."

"This thoughtfulness by the companions of Maryland in preserving the autograph of each anointed companion is very valuable as an historic matter.

"We have evidence that the Order was conferred on six Past High Priests in Pennsylvania, December 12, 1826, but whether this was an occasional or a completely organized Council, I have not the facts clear enough to make the statement.

"Comp. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Past General Grand High Priest (now deceased), says as follows:—

"The Massachusetts Convention of High Priests was established on November 26, 1826, in its present form; and the Order was conferred on eight High Priests before the year closed, and it has continued ever since.

"In the State of Ohio a number of companions met in January, 1828, and organized themselves into a Council and conferred the Order, but this appears to have been a temporary organization.

"On the 22d day of June, 1838, a permanent Council was organized at Lancaster, with Comp. JOHN BARNY as President. This Council has continued from the Lancaster organization to the present time, and has never missed an annual meeting, and is perhaps the largest and most prosperous Council throughout the country. Its President for many years past, Comp. JOHN W. CHAMBERLIN, is one of the most enthusiastic High Priests in this broad land.

"So far as I have been able to find anything authentic in our own jurisdiction, the first work in the Order of High Priesthood occurred about 1825, in Vincennes Chapter. This information I obtained from Comp. THOMAS BISHOP in 1878. He was very old when I met him then, was a Past High Priest, having attained the Order in Canada before removing to Indiana in 1820. When he arrived at Vincennes he found Comp. JAMES T. MOFFATT as the presiding officer of the Chapter there and in possession of the Order.

"It was but a few years after I met Comp. BISHOP that he passed to his reward. Comp. JAMES T. MOFFATT afterwards removed to Terre Haute, and became the first High Priest of Terre Haute Chapter, No. 11. He has been dead perhaps thirty years. It is a source of much pleasure to me to have had a personal acquaintance with both of these old companions, they being the oldest members of our Order in this State, so far as any definite information I have been able to obtain.

"About the year 1825, that celebrated and eccentric divine, LORENZO DOW, arrived at Vincennes, and for some time made his home there; at least a sufficient time to visit the Lodge and become well acquainted with its members, to apply for and receive the Chapter degrees, and was elected its High Priest, when Comps. BISHOP and MOFFATT conferred upon him the Order of High Priesthood. This was the first working of the Order in this State of which I have received any definite information.

"As to where or when Comp. MOFFATT obtained the Order there are no records or reliable information to my knowledge. All in relation thereto is a matter of conjecture, and is too uncertain to enter upon.

"From this time forward we find our way more clearly defined, for our records show that in 1848 a Special Council was opened in Indianapolis, with Comp. SAMUEL REED of Ohio as President, ELIZUR DEMING as Vice-President, ABLE C. PEPPER as Master of Ceremonies, and ISAAC BARTLETT as Conductor. Upon this occasion the Order was conferred on Comps. CALEB SCHMIDT of Madison, ALEX. C. DOWNEY of Rising Sun, HENRY C. LAWRENCE of Lafayette, and O. S. RAMSEY of Indianapolis. There was also a meeting in 1849 and 1850, and perhaps some other special meetings. In 1850, Comp. ABLE C. PEPPER acted as President, ELIZUR DEMING as Vice-President, ALEX. C. DOWNEY as Master of Ceremonies, and HENRY C. LAWRENCE as Secretary. At this meeting the Order was conferred upon JOHN W. SULLIVAN of Columbus, and JAMES S. FREEMAN of Terre Haute.

"On the 19th of May, 1853, a number of companions met in the hall of Raper Encampment at the city of Indianapolis, organized a Council and conferred the Order upon Comps. WILLIAM HACKER, EPHRAIM COLESTOCK, DANIEL K. HAYS, WILLIAM C. LANABEE and BARTON M. WILSON.

"All the meetings up to this time appear to have been special and convened for the occasion; but the names thus far upon whom the Order has been conferred will be recognized as among the prominent and leading men of our State, both in administering the affairs of State and in the Masonic Order.

"The next evening, May 20, 1853, the Council completed a permanent organization and elected its officers for the ensuing year, Comp. ISAAC BARTLETT being the first President duly elected. From this time onward our Council has continued as an active organization, usually conferring the Order on from ten to twenty-five or more companions each year, and all of the select few who receive the Order esteem it a thing of beauty and a joy forever. Its ceremonies and the lessons it teaches are not surpassed by any other to be found anywhere.

"As for the material from which to select its members, it is far more circumscribed than any other department or grade of the Masonic Order, as none are eligible to apply for the Order except those alone who have been duly elected to preside as High Priests of a regularly constituted Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. There are various things in which this department of Masonry differs from all the other grades of our Noble Order, and my investigations for this occasion does not bear out my former understanding, but I cannot find anything that shows plainly that there has ever been more than three individuals duly elected as the President of our Council in all of its forty-two years of existence."

Thus it shows plainly that we have no politics *here*, the only place that I ever found with such an environment. But we must close our notice of this grand anniversary, so creditable to the Royal Craft of Indiana. May its Capitular future exceed its past.

The Report on Correspondence is, of course, by "Historian" THOMAS B. LONG, Past Grand High Priest and Chairman of Correspondence. It is an eloquent report of one hundred and eighty pages, in which he reviews the doings of every Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the world, a paper in every way creditable to its author and worthy of the place it occupies in the Semi-Centennial record of Indiana for the term ending 1893.

The notice of California is of the administration of our lamented Companion, Grand High Priest CRAWFORD, whose address is quoted from liberally and his views concurred in. The legislation of the session receives the approval of Comp. LONG, and he joins, in expressions of sympathy, in deploring the loss of our M. E. Comps. BROWN and GRITMAN, and, in spirit, deposits his sprig of acacia upon their last resting place.

The present report is the thirteenth of Comp. LONG, and his best, so that thirteen is not an unlucky number in Indiana. LONG may he wave.

M. E. HENRY W. MORDHURST was elected Grand High Priest; R. E. WM. B. SMYTHES was re-elected Grand Secretary; M. E. THOMAS B. LONG, Terre Haute, Historian and Chairman of Correspondence.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Indianapolis, October 21, 1896.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

The Grand Chapter of Indian Territory held its sixth Annual Convocation at Atoka, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, August 15, 1896,—*M. E. SELWYN DOUGLASS*, Grand High Priest; *M. E. JOSEPH S. MURROW*, Grand Secretary. Eleven Chapters were represented. Four Grand High Priests were present with the representatives of seventeen sister Grand Jurisdictions. The membership in the jurisdiction numbers five hundred and eighty-one Royal Arch Masons. *ZACHARY TAYLOR*, *NAPOLEON BONAPARTE* and *HENRY CLAY* are representative names among the companions of the Grand Chapter of Indian Territory.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, and the Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. He reported his official acts. He congratulated the companions that no contention existed between the East and the West of "our Imperial Jurisdiction." The Grand High Priest expressed the hope for a union of the territories, politically as they were Masonically, and that they might be able soon to hail each other as citizens of one great commonwealth. But two unimportant decisions were rendered.

The receipts were \$758, and the disbursements \$263; balance on hand \$1,137.86.

Upon the recommendation of the Grand Secretary, Chapters under dispensation were excused from the payment of dues.

Three charters were granted to Chapters under dispensation, and the High Priests thereof in attendance were made members, with full voting power.

The Grand Representatives of Illinois, South Carolina, New York and the District of Columbia, addressed the Grand Chapter.

A jewel was ordered for the Past Grand High Priest *M. E. SELWYN DOUGLASS*.

Grand Secretary *JOSEPH SAMUEL MURROW* presented the Report on Correspondence, being a brief review of forty-six Grand Bodies, including the General Grand Chapter. Comp. *MURROW* introduces himself in these few well chosen words:—

"COMPANIONS: This is my maiden effort at reviewing the proceedings of Royal Arch Chapters.

"Very modestly do I present this report to you, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe and the members of the Grand Chapter of both Indian and Oklahoma Territories.

"Though not very large in numbers, I know well that this report is made to men of much mental and moral worth; men well qualified to prepare stones that will pass the Master Overseer's inspection; men qualified to lay broad, deep and solidly the foundations of a living temple in these two territories (most probably again to be united into one) which may truthfully claim as its inscription, 'Holiness to the Lord.' No better, grander work can we do, companions, than to so live and labor that others seeing our good works may glorify our Father in Heaven."

Of California, Comp. *MURROW* writes:—

"The Grand High Priest, *ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD*, regrets that intemperance is an evil that greatly injures the good name of the Grand Chapter. We deeply regret to learn this and advise heroic treatment."

We quote the above few lines for the information of our companions in California, and to show those in high places the cruel stigma they may fasten upon their kindred and brethren by a careless use of language, even though intended as a warning against possible evils, with no intent of applying it literally to an entire society, 'tis true. "We are all miserable sinners, and there is no health in us," for our prayer book says so. And yet we should hesitate before charging any considerable number of the Royal Arch Masons of California with the practice of an evil to the great injury of the good name of this Grand Chapter. We write these words with sincere regret, for the honored companion who used the quoted language has passed from among us into the presence of the heavenly

Grand Council above. Peace to his memory. We who knew him well will never believe he intended his words to have practical application to his respected and beloved associates in this Grand Chapter; but he would admonish, as was his duty, both in and out of season, his companions against converting the means of refreshment into intemperance and excess. No, Comp. CRAWFORD intended no slur upon the character and reputation of the Royal Arch Masons of California.

The *M. E.* ZACHARY TAYLOR WALBOND was elected Grand High Priest; *R. E.* JOSEPH SAMUEL MURROW was re-elected Grand Secretary. Comp. J. S. MURROW, Atoka, Chairman of Correspondence.

The next Annual Convocation will be held at Muskogee on the second Tuesday in August, 1896.

IOWA.

The *M. E.* Grand Chapter of Iowa held its forty-second Annual Convocation in the city of Dubuque, October 17, 1896,—the *M. E.* AMOS H. ALBERSON, Grand High Priest; the *R. E.* ALF. WINGATE, Grand Secretary. Ninety-three chartered Chapters were represented.

The Grand Chapter of Iowa has enrolled one hundred and fourteen Chapters, with a membership of seven thousand and forty-six Royal Arch Masons.

There were also present nine Past Grand High Priests, two Past Grand Kings, and the representatives of twenty-two sister Grand Jurisdictions. California's representative was not present, or accounted for.

A portrait of the Grand High Priest appears upon the opening page of the journal. Our Past Grand High Priest, WILLIAM VANDERHURST, represents the Grand Chapter of Iowa near the Grand Chapter of California.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

On behalf of *Dubuque* Chapter, No. 3, Comp. J. R. LINDSAY welcomed the Grand Chapter to the city of Dubuque, to which Past Grand High Priest A. W. DAUGHERTY responded, at the request of the Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. After a fervent acknowledgment to the Great Creator for the blessings enjoyed by the Royal Arch Masons of Iowa, he reported his official acts. Of the death roll of the year, he says:—

"The insatiate Archer still continues his ceaseless round, and while we have been particularly fortunate in having no death in the ranks of our own Grand Officers or permanent members, other Grand Jurisdictions have not been dealt with so kindly."

He reports the names of the many eminent companions of sister jurisdictions who have "gone before to that unknown and silent shore." He recommended that the customary action be taken in reference to our worthy companions who have been permitted to enter the presence of "Him who doeth all things well."

He granted dispensations for the formation of two new Chapters during the recess. He reports visiting a number of Chapters, and that Capitular Masonry is prosperous and progressive in the jurisdiction. He also mentions an increased interest in the Cryptic degrees, and says "he knows of no Chapters now which are not able to work the degrees without outside assistance."

He reports no decisions, though he had answered many queries by a reference to the law or approved decisions of the Grand Chapter.

Past Grand High Priest Enoch STROTHER, of Nevada, was presented and welcomed to the Grand Chapter, to which he responded in a neat address.

Past Grand High Priest THOMAS B. EMOANERACK presented the Report on Correspondence, and is retained in that position for the present year.

Comp. EMOANERACK, as Treasurer of the Grand Chapter Charity Fund, reported assets on hand at \$8,298.79.

The Grand Chapter appropriates for its Charity Fund ten per cent. of its gross receipts.

A biographical sketch of the life of Grand High Priest AMOS NORRIS ALBERSON is published in this volume. An Iowa custom, and a good one.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of Iowa convened in the city of Dubuque, October 17, 1895.—*M. E.* Comp. D. S. DIERING, President; *E.* Comp. RICHARD HERRMANN, Recorder, with a good attendance of members, and *M. E.* Comp. Enoch STROTHER, President of the Convention of High Priests of Nevada. Twenty-three companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters and otherwise qualified, having been elected, were received, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

At the annual election the *M. E.* President and the *E.* Recorder were re-elected.

No further business appearing, the Convention closed.

Comp. THOMAS R. ERCANBRACK presents the Report on Correspondence, an able review of the proceedings of forty-eight Grand Royal Arch Bodies, including the doings of the General Grand Chapter held at Topeka, Kansas, and of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters.

The review of California is for the administration of Comp. ELLISON L. CRAWFORD who, as Comp. ERCANBRACK says, "appeared in his full health and strength to wield the gavel and maintain decorum." Comp. CRAWFORD had performed his year of service with great satisfaction to the companions of California and in conformity with our regulations, came to the Annual Convocation to report his official acts and receive the verdict of his companions.

Our *M. E.* companion had been a most painstaking and efficient executive, and as such had earned the applause of his brethren. At the close of the Convocation he received the unanimous thanks of the Grand Chapter; was requested to sit for his portrait, which the Grand Secretary was instructed to have framed and placed in the portrait gallery of the Grand Chapter. While thus honoring the retiring chief and parting with him after the closing ceremonies with the words "until we meet again," no one of us for a moment thought it might possibly be a final salutation—yet, in the full strength and vigor of manhood, in a few brief months, he, too, received the fatal mandate, was, by the dread messenger, struck from the roll of human existence and passed from all earthly associations to the shadows of the future—

"To our graves we walk
In the thick footsteps of departed men."

Comp. ERCANBRACK quotes approvingly the Address of the Grand High Priest, and especially his remarks referring to the evil of intemperance, to which he fervently responds:

"Amen, and amen! O, that every Grand High Priest were an apostle of temperance! O, that the whole Royal Arch Fraternity were a royal army of total abstinence!

"Temperance is a tree which has for its root very little contentment, and for fruit, calm and peace."—*Buddha*.

"O, madness to think use of the strongest wines,
And strongest drinks our chief support of health,
When God with these forbidden made choice to rear
His mighty champion, strong above compare,
Whose drink was only from the liquid brook."—*Milton*.

"All the world knows that Iowa contains a strong prohibition element. In our opinion at least one-third of the voters of Iowa are total abstinence, and at least two-thirds of our American-born voters partake only of—

"The cups that cheer, but not inebriate."

" Nearly all of our seven thousand companions stand in the front ranks of reform. Should immigration cease, the alcoholic appetite would fast flee from Iowa palates, and all Iowa alimentary canals would become pure conduits of sweet water and sweet milk only!"

He also concurs in our anti-Cerneau legislation, and writes as follows:

" Iowa extends to California its most earnest sympathies. On Iowa soil this kind of warfare has been successfully waged. Californians, spare not. Let Grand High Priest ADOLPHUS HEWEL read and ponder—Judges, 7, 18: 'When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that are with me, then blow ye the trumpet, also, on every side of all the camp, and say: The Sword of the Lord and of Gideon?'"

We had the pleasure of greeting Comp. ERCANBRACK at Boston during the late session of the Grand Encampment, and to give our readers an idea as to what manner of a man is ERCANBRACK, of Iowa, we refer them to SINGLETON, of the District of Columbia, who, upon his honor, declares:

" Well, Comp. ERCANBRACK, we succumb. If any apology or explanation was necessary, and we admit there was none, we are perfectly satisfied you are a gentleman, a scholar, and we sincerely hope a man of property."

Comp. ERCANBRACK has the following good words for the General Grand Chapter:—

" We cannot fail to express our admiration for the wisdom displayed in the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter. Its limitations are such that the affairs of the constituent Grand Chapters are not much interfered with. But this General Grand Body serves a great and useful purpose in spreading the cement of brotherly love throughout our country. We can but approve every organization that comprehends our whole country. We would have some cord reach and bind each and every American heart. We believe that Masonry is one of "healing waters," and the Capitular branch of it a "blue arch" of which our own Holmes so sweetly sang:—

"Our Union is river, lake, ocean and sky;
Man breaks not the medal when God cuts the die!
Though darkened with sulphur, though cloven with steel,
The blue arch will brighten, the waters will heal!"

" Our own Past Grand High Priest, F. W. CRAIG, is General Grand Master of the First Vail.

" May his shadow never grow less!"

And of the General Grand Council, after a pleasant notice of their doings, he concludes with the following:—

" The address of the Most Puissant shows that human nature is aggressive and selfish, whether dealing in Cryptic or political matters; hence his official hand was raised now and then to protect the innocent against the mischievous.

" A Committee on Jewels, to be worn by the officers of Grand Councils, made a report that was promptly adopted, and the pictures of the jewels given herein are certainly very pleasing. They are fit companion-pieces to the portrait of JOSHUA H. DRUMMOND, found herein. And we now confess that if everything connected with the Cryptic degrees was as enticing as these jewel pictures and Comp. DRUMMOND's face, we would promptly run the risk of being black-balled in some lawfully created Council of that rite.

" 'Beauty with a bloodless conquest finds
A welcome sovereignty in rudest minds.'"

M. E. Comp. LEROY T. WELD was elected Grand High Priest; R. E. ALFRED WINGATE was re-elected Grand Secretary. Correspondent: Past Grand High Priest THOMAS R. ERCANBRACK, Anamosa.

The next (fifty-third) Annual Convocation will be held at Boone, June 2d, 1896.

KANSAS.

The Grand Chapter of Kansas held its thirtieth Annual Convocation in the city of Topeka, February 19, 1895,—the M. E. ROBERT E. NICKELS, Grand High Priest;

R. E. JACOB DE WITT, Grand Secretary. Sixty-five Chapters were represented, and there were present nine Past Grand High Priests, and the representatives of twenty-nine sister Grand Jurisdictions.

Kansas bears upon its roll the names of eighty-one Chapters, with a membership of 5,029 Royal Arch Masons.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Portraits of Past Grand High Priest DWIGHT BYINGTON, and FRITZ MAYERS, Grand Tyler from the organization of the Grand Chapter to the time of his death, are of interest to the readers of this volume.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. After a fraternal welcome to the assembled companions he reported his official acts during the recess of the Grand Chapter.

In reference to decisions, the Grand High Priest says:—

"During the year I have given a number of opinions relating to the construction and application of the laws and usages governing Capitular Masonry, and have endeavored, perhaps not as promptly in all cases as I should, nor as clearly as I could have wished, to answer all inquiries and give the best solution, according to my understanding, of every proposition. Many of the opinions I have given relate to questions so well settled that I find it necessary to report only the following:—

"1. A brother who has received the Royal Arch degree in a Lodge, desiring to become a Royal Arch Mason in this jurisdiction, must petition for the Capitular degrees. If his petition is accepted, confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master in due form, then obligate him in the Royal Arch degree, and this will make him a member in good standing of the Chapter accepting his petition.

"2. The form of the recommendation of a petition for a new Chapter is not essential, provided it recommends the authorization of the new Chapter as prayed for; a member of the Chapter making the recommendation, if he is one of the petitioners for the new Chapter, should not vote on such recommendation.

"3. A petitioner for letters of dispensation for a new Chapter is not required to limit, and while the new Chapter is under dispensation no dues accrue against him in the Chapter of his membership. A petitioner for a charter for a new Chapter must be limited."

The last decision (No. 3) is dependent entirely upon the local law. In our jurisdiction it would not pass, because our law demands that the petitioners for a dispensation should fill their limits from former bodies before signing the petition for a dispensation for the formation of a new Lodge or Chapter.

In remembrance of the "broken links" in their fraternal chain the Grand High Priest paid the well deserved tribute, always due the faithful workman, to the Eminent Companions DWIGHT BYINGTON and FRITZ MAYERS, each in his station having earned the esteem and affectionate regard of their companions of Kansas.

To the many afflicted sister jurisdictions who have felt the heavy hand of death laid upon their loved ones, the Grand Chapter of Kansas tendered the heartfelt sympathy born of experience in like affliction.

The Deputy Grand High Priest and Grand King presented their reports of official acts.

The receipts for the year were \$2,840.50; disbursements \$3,034.20, besides an expense of \$2,000 for the entertainment of the General Grands. Be warned ye hospitable companions whose great desire is to entertain the General Grand Chapter. We should have stated, also, that of the amount disbursed, \$638 was for account of the Masonic Home.

The General Chapter, with the Grand Lecturer as Chief Detective, is wrestling with the cipher account, about 25 per cent. of those issued having turned up missing.

A full report of the entertainment of the General Grand Chapter by the Grand Chapter of Kansas is contained in this volume. We should like to borrow the description of this most enjoyable affair, but the space at our disposal will not permit it.

The Committee on Necrology reported appropriate and feeling obituary notices relating to the decease of the beloved companions, Past Grand High Priest BRINGERON and Grand Tyler FRITZ MAYERS, who, as a faithful Sentinel, had for thirty years guarded the outer door of the Tabernacle. Pages were ordered set apart in the proceedings and dedicated to the memory of the departed companions.

Grand Secretary JACOB DE WITT presents the Report on Correspondence. He has reviewed the doings of fifty Grand Royal Arch Bodies, including the General Grand Chapter, and gives us the condition and prospects of Capitular Masonry in his comments and conclusions upon the legislation of the several jurisdictions, and although he did not find any burning questions to be solved, he has managed, by industry and perseverance, to build up a full-grown report. His review of California is for 1893-4—the administration of Comp. GRITMAN—which met his general approval.

In his review of Texas, Comp. DE WITT makes the following pertinent remarks:

"Comp. GEORGE LOPAS, Jr., presents the Report on Correspondence. He reviews the acts of forty-seven Grand Jurisdictions, Kansas, 1893, receiving very kindly mention. He commends as expressing 'the true spirit of masonry,' Comp. POSTLETHWAITE's remarks relative to the Masonic Home. He also concurs in the decision touching the serving of intoxicants at banquets under the auspices of the Chapter; he also quotes the essentials of the report of Committee on Masonic Home.

"Under Georgia: 'In the proceedings of the Order of High Priesthood,' he excerpts: 'The President stated that he had received some letters from other jurisdictions relative to a general convention at the next Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, to try and make the work uniform.' And after quoting that 'our President was requested to reply to these, informing our sister Councils of the entire willingness of this Council to unite in the General Council for the object named,' he says: 'We do not favor this. It smacks too much of General Grand to suit us. We have a beautiful ritual, and the ceremonies are intensely impressive, and, to our notion, cannot be improved upon.'

"The writer ventures to suggest, in reply to Comp. LOPAS, that the General Convention at Topeka will result in improvement in the forms and ceremonies of the Order. We personally have had some experience in those ceremonies, having conducted them for several years in Kansas. We are satisfied that Kansas has a 'beautiful ritual,' that can scarcely be improved upon, a ritual that was highly commended by the excellent companions who witnessed its rendering, and it is partly because of its excellency that we were glad of the opportunity of exemplifying it in Topeka last summer. We would like Comp. LOPAS to come and see us some February and witness the rendering. Possibly he may find something that would be welcome even in Texas."

We excerpt the following from the notice of Comp. DE WITT of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter referring to the Order of High Priesthood:—

"In connection with the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, a Grand Convention of the Holy Order of High Priesthood convened at Topeka. The object, as stated in the invitation issued by the M. E. J. W. CHAMBERLIN, of Ohio, was the 'consideration of matters pertaining to the ritual. Kansas was represented by Past Grand High Priests JACOB DE WITT, A. M. O'ALLAHAN, W. D. THOMPSON, J. C. POSTLETHWAITE, and Deputy Grand High Priest JOHN H. SPENCKE.

"M. E. J. W. CHAMBERLIN was appointed Secretary. On motion of M. E. W. D. THOMPSON, a committee was appointed to consider and report at an adjourned meeting some plan of procedure, or its recommendation as to what, if any thing, should be done for the advancement of the Order of High Priesthood, said committee consisting of JOHN W. CHAMBERLIN, *ex officio* Chairman, Ohio; ALEX. H. HOLT, District of Columbia; ALLEN McDOWELL, Missouri; CHARLES L. LEROY, New Jersey; ALEX. THOMAS, Indiana; WILLIAM D. THOMPSON, Kansas; JAMES W. STATON, Kentucky; HENRY CLAY ARMSTRONG, Alabama.

"They reported and their report was adopted:—

"*First.* That it is inexpedient to organize a General Grand Convention of the Order of High Priesthood.

"*Second.* That with a view to uniformity in nomenclature assemblies of the Order be designated as conventions of the Order of High Priesthood, and individual members as annointed High Priests, and addressed as E. c. companions.

"*Third.* That the governing body of the Order be in each Grand Jurisdiction a Grand Convention of the Order of High Priesthood.

"*Fourth.* That all conventions adopt a formal ceremony of opening and closing.

"*Fifth.* That with the object of uniformity in work, a committee of three be selected, to consider and formulate a ritual for the Order, which shall include the formal ceremonies of opening, conferring the Order, and closing, with suitable recommendations as to floor work and lectures; and such committee may, upon proper application, furnish one copy of the same to the principal official companions of the Order in each of the several Grand Jurisdictions, and shall make a report of all its acts to a Convention of High Priests to be holden during or at the next Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, to which Convention the several Grand Jurisdictions are recommended to send representatives."

The *M. E.* JOHN H. SPENCER was elected Grand High Priest; *R. E.* JACOB DE WITT was re-elected Grand Secretary. *M. E.* JACOB DE WITT, Salina, Correspondent.

KENTUCKY.

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky held its Annual Convocation for 1896 in the city of Louisville October 15th,—*M. E.* JAMES DYKERT LEWIS, (Grand High Priest, *R. E.* HENRY BANNISTER GRANT, Grand Secretary. Thirty-seven chartered Chapters were represented. Whole number enrolled 81; number of Royal Arch Masons 2826. There were present twelve Past Grand High Priests and the Representatives of twenty-six sister jurisdictions, California's representative not present.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, and the Grand High Priest delivered his Address.

After extending a cordial welcome to the assembled companions he invited all to join in thanksgiving to God for preservation in health and strength since their last Convocation. And yet, he said: With these emotions of joy comes a tinge of sadness; one of their circle as an officer of the Grand Chapter, "the Grand Principal Sojourner," had received the summons to join those who had gone before. He reported the names of the many eminent companions of sister jurisdictions who had passed to rest, together with those of their own kindred and brethren with whom they had been wont to assemble around the altars of Masonry.

The routine business of the session was light, but one decision being asked for, and that one unimportant to "outsiders." Kentucky Masons are proud of their Masonic Home. The Grand High Priest says of that Grand Institution:—

"As the Kentucky Masonic Home is the pride of Kentucky Masons I think it fit to mention it at this time. Though under the direct control of the Grand Lodge the Grand Chapter has been a strong factor in its success. Soon after you elevated me to the office of Grand High Priest, I was placed in charge of the Home as Superintendent. I never realized its needs until then. The responsibility I took upon myself when I became Superintendent has grown every day. To control as it were the lives and characters of 240 children, who know no father's care, is indeed a great task. I ask, and believe I shall receive your support in discharging my duty. Our numbers are steadily on the increase, and with numbers comes expense. We, as Royal Arch Masons, must help to bear the burden. Much valuable time and labor is given to the Home by our excellent Board of Directors, and by the physicians who come at our call, day or night, with no other reward except good, done to their fellow kind. The eyes of the world are turned toward us to see our success or failure. In one week, since I have been Superintendent, more than fifteen hundred strangers entered our Home. Many of them left calling heaven's richest blessings to rest on Kentucky Masons for their care of the widow and the orphan."

Comp. JAMES W. STATION comes to the front again and presents the Report on Correspondence, he reviews forty-nine Grand Royal Arch Bodies, in fact all except Louisiana. In his review of California Comp. STATION quotes freely from the Grand High Priest's Address, and with general approval; he especially commends the many visitations of constituents made by him and his care for the business interests of the Grand Body under his charge. His recommendations of heroic treatment in

the case of one GRANVILLE A. FRAMES, a peddler of bogus degrees, is also approved. Yes, Comp. STATON, our Grand High Priest, Comp. ELLISON L. CRAWFORD, discharged his duties to the Grand Chapter faithfully, and well earned the tribute freely bestowed upon him and his work at the close of his administration, and, although but a few short months were granted him to receive the applause of his companions, his memory remains with us and will serve as an incentive to his successors. Comp. CRAWFORD died at his home in Georgetown, June 22, 1895.

Comp. STATON fully endorses the action of our Grand Chapter in relation to the Cernean fraud. He says: "We are glad to see this decided step taken."

Under New York we quote what appears to us a partial explanation of the apparently depressed condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Kentucky, and fully recognize the force and truth of the closing words. Comp. STATON says, speaking of Comp. GARDNER (New York correspondent):—

"He greatly regrets the circumstances which prevented us from preparing our usual Report on Correspondence, and quotes our exordium and conclusion relative thereto. We will rejoice with him when our financial depression shall come to an end and will rejoice more when there is more interest taken in the propagation of this beautiful system of Masonry, so full of instruction and grandeur. But this will never be until Capitular Masonry in Kentucky can rise above the point of being made a mere stepping stone from Blue Masonry, so called, to the orders of Christian Knighthood.

"We are sorry to say what we have said, but candor, and a close observation compels us to make the above declaration."

M. E. JOHN G. ORNDORF was elected Grand High Priest, Comp. HENRY B. GRANT was re-elected Grand Secretary. Chairman of Correspondence, Past Grand High Priest JAMES W. STATON, Brooksville.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in Louisville on the third Tuesday in October, 1896.

LOUISIANA.

The Grand Chapter of Louisiana held its forty-eighth Annual Convocation in the city of New Orleans February 12, 1895,—the M. E. A. C. ALLEN, Grand High Priest; R. E. RICHARD LAMBERT, Grand Secretary. Seventeen Chapters were represented. There were also present six Past Grand High Priests, and the Representatives of seventeen sister Grand Jurisdictions.

Louisiana bears upon her roll the names of eighteen Chapters, with a membership of 934 Royal Arch Masons.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. In reporting his official acts he congratulated the companions upon the prevailing peace and harmony existing in the jurisdiction, and he joined them in giving thanks to the Supreme High Priest for their preservation and exemption from the ills which have afflicted other companions and covered their altars with mourning. Among his visitations the Grand High Priest reports this pleasant incident:—

"On St. John's Day, December 27th, 1894, I visited officially Hiram Chapter, No. 45, at Robeline, Louisiana, and installed the yearly elected officers thereof. The ceremonies of installation were public, and I have every reason to believe that the beautiful lessons of moral conduct taught by the attendant ceremonies were fully appreciated by the audience of the uninitiated present. I also on that day delivered a public address on the Principles and History of Masonry.

"After the conclusion of the public ceremonies, labor was resumed by this Chapter in regular session; and the Mark Master's Degree was conferred on three candidates in a most creditable manner, the High Priest, by my direction, presiding.

"After labor we were called truly to refreshment. We assembled at the residence of one of the companions, and there, in company with the wives and daughters of the members of this Chapter, enjoyed a sumptuous banquet. It was truly a Masonic festival, attended with all its elevated and refined proprieties. Mirth and good humor prevailed; happy sentiments were tendered, but it was gratifying to know that the 'libations poured' were only in that wine which preserves life and never enervates the brain.

"This Chapter has done good work and true work. Though among the youngest on our rolls, it has made a record in Masonic well-doing that others which have had the experience of many years might well envy."

The Grand High Priest expressed himself decidedly and firmly against the adoption or use of a written or printed Ritual, believing it to be a drifting away from the hallowed moorings of Masonic obligation.

The Grand Chapter of New South Wales was recognized and a fraternal welcome extended.

The receipts for the year were \$1389; the disbursements \$1102.50.

The Grand Lecturer made an interesting report, in which he predicted a revival in Capitular Masonry in the jurisdiction in the near future.

A Council of the Order of High Priesthood was held February 12, 1895,—the M. E. GEORGE J. PINCKARD, President; M. E. RICHARD LAMBERT, Recorder. The Council was opened in Due Form. Eight companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters and otherwise qualified, were received, anointed and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood. The M. E. President delivered an address upon the subject of the Organization, after which an election was held and the Council closed.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. HERMAN C. DUNCAN, Past Grand High Priest, and is a thoroughly independent review of the doings of Capitular Masonry in the several jurisdictions of the Masonic world. Comp. DUNCAN seems to us to write as if governed by the text: "In essentials, charity; in non-essentials, liberty." For instance, under Arkansas, he writes of the cipher question:—

"We would feign add a word on the subject of writing the Ritual in cipher. There was once a man, whom we are taught was one of three ancient Grand Masters, whose integrity is exhibited to us as the model for all Masons, an integrity by which they should seek to live and in which they should be ready to die. This man, the same Masonic tradition informs us, committed to writing the most important 'secret' of a Mason—even the WORD. He did it for the good of the Fraternity, that future generations yet unborn might find it, recognize it and use it. He did not do it in such manner that the profane might become cognizant of it—this his obligation forbade. He did not do it in such manner that the secrets of Masonry might thereby be unlawfully obtained. He did it in cipher; he did it in such manner that those entitled to the knowledge might thereby obtain it. In this SOLOMON, and HIRAM, of Tyre, joined and united with him and became equal participants in his acts. Unless our three ancient Grand Masters had done what they did, wrote the pivotal secret of Masonry, the fear of the King of Israel would have found its fruition and the word would have been forever lost, and, even if found in the future, could not have been recognized for what it was, and is, without the other marks and indications which proclaimed it Masonic. The deposit was made in such manner that the secrets could be lawfully and could not unlawfully be obtained."

We don't like the cipher business; but if it must be had let it be laid up in some ark for testimony, and should it be necessary for a companion to make a copy, let him destroy it immediately after using it; but for general dissemination, No.

Under Colorado, upon the subject of Physical Qualifications, he writes thus:—

"We also learn from him that the physical qualification question has been before the General Grand Chapter. A decision was therein affirmed that a man with an artificial leg was not conform to the requirements of the work, might be accepted. That then a resolution was introduced 'that hereafter no candidate shall receive the Chapter degree who cannot fully comply, in every respect, with all the requirements of the work without the aid of mechanical appliances, which was finally referred to a special committee, with instructions to report at the next stated Communication. This latter action seems to us peculiar. If it was right to admit the man concerning whom the decision was rendered, and the General Grand Chapter so decided, then it seems right for the future. The resolution referred to special committee seems to us about as clear as mud. What the requirements are is precisely the matter in dispute. The adoption of that resolution would settle nothing.

We have grown to have our doubts about the wisdom of discussing this physical qualification business. After all that has been said one would suppose that all men would have become informed of the fact that the Masonic school is not one for physical training. Is there a hope?"

Under Iowa, writing of the assumption of control of the Cryptic Degrees by that Grand Chapter, he says:—

"We find in these proceedings that the Grand Chapter has had printed the Cryptic Ritual, has distributed them to its subordinates, and 'authorized' their use. A resolution was offered directing the exemplification of this work. The Committee on Jurisprudence reported against its adoption—'The Grand Chapter being without jurisdiction in the matter, can not act.' This was adopted by Grand Chapter. The committee was right. The Grand Chapter has no jurisdiction—never had any jurisdiction—over Cryptic Masons any more than it has over the degree of Prince of the Royal Secret. There is just as much propriety in their printing or distributing the Ritual of that degree as of that of Royal Master. We cannot understand how our Iowa brethren can in one breath acknowledge that they are without jurisdiction over Cryptic Masonry in Iowa, and yet exercise it. They can publish the Ritual, but they are without authority to have it exemplified in Grand Chapter.

"One word to our confrere, the Chairman of Correspondence Committee. We have not been exhausted by examination of the Iowa proceedings. On the contrary, we have been entertained. We regret that our Iowa companions do not in all things think as we do. We rejoice to know that with but few exceptions they and we walk in the same paths, and that our agreements vastly outnumber our disagreements. We greatly rejoice to know and feel that our disagreements do not infringe in any way upon the fraternal spirit that animates them and us."

"And, under Oregon, here is a concise and well defined statement in relation to the much abused degree of Past Master:—

"In our opinion, the distinction between the 'Secrets of the Chair' and the 'Degree of Past Master' are as broad as those between the Virtual and the Actual Past Master, and that certain Masons, and those alone, to wit: those who have actually held the gavel by virtue of election and installation in Symbolic Lodges, have the right to communicate the 'Secrets of the Chair,' and this without any reference whatever to the positions of such Masons in Chapter, or Council, or Commandery, and conversely, that the Degree of Past Master can only be conferred under authority of a chartered Chapter, in a duly opened Lodge of Past Masters, and then only upon Mark Masters duly elected to receive the same."

The M.: E.: A. C. ALLEN was re-elected Grand High Priest; the R.: E.: RICHARD LAMBERT was re-elected Grand Secretary. Chairman of Correspondence, Rev. HERMAN COPE DUNCAN, Past Grand High Priest, Alexandria.

MAINE.

The Grand Chapter of Maine held its seventieth Annual Convocation in the city of Portland, May 7th, 1895,—the M.: E.: SEWARD S. STEARNS, Grand High Priest; R.: E.: STEPHEN BERRY, Grand Secretary. Forty-eight chartered Chapters, out of a total of fifty-four on the roll, were represented. Of the permanent members there

were present fourteen Past Grand High Priests, three Past Grand Deputies, two Past Grand Kings and one Past Grand Scribe. Thirty-seven sister jurisdictions were represented by their Grand Representatives at this Convocation, the *M. E.* JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND responding for California. Five thousand seven hundred and fourteen Royal Arch Masons give force and effect to the doings of this Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Past Grand High Priest DRUMMOND presented and introduced *M. E.* Comp. ENOS WAGGATT, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Florida, who was welcomed and invited to a seat in the East.

The Grand High Priest, in his Address, congratulated the companions upon the growth and progress of Royal Arch Masonry in their jurisdiction, although deploring the loss of eighty-two beloved associates in their noble and glorious work. He also referred to the eminent dead of sister jurisdictions, all of whom had left vacancies that would be a lasting reminder of their faithful service.

No decisions of importance were reported.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, the Grand King, the Grand Scribe and three District Deputy Grand High Priests made official reports of the condition and prospects of the Chapters assigned to their respective supervision.

The Grand Chapter has an invested fund of \$4,629.50; a charity fund of \$1,022.50, and available assets of \$2,490.84.

The revision of the Constitution was continued in the hands of the committee.

Comp. DRUMMOND made the following report for the Committee on Jurisprudence:—

"The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which was referred the memorial of *King Hiram* Chapter, have examined the papers submitted, and ask leave to report:—

"Upon regular petition and due proceedings, Bro. WILLIAM G. SNOW received the degrees of Mark Master Mason, Past Master and Most Excellent Master in *Adoniram* Chapter, of Baltimore, of the obedience of the Grand Chapter of Maryland. Later, Bro. SNOW removed to Lewiston and took up his residence in the jurisdiction of *King Hiram* Chapter.

"On March 20, 1893, the following letter was sent by *Adoniram* Chapter to *King Hiram* Chapter:—

"MASONIC TEMPLE,

"BALTIMORE, MD., March 20, 1893.

"To the *M. E. High Priest, Officers and Companions of King Hiram R. A. Chapter, No. 9, Lewiston, Me.*—

"DEAR COMPANIONS:—This is to certify that Bro. W. G. SNOW has received the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master, in *Adoniram* Chapter, No. 21, Baltimore, Md., and now desires to have the Royal Arch degree conferred upon him. We would respectfully request that you perform that duty, as Bro. SNOW is now residing in Lewiston, and it would be both inconvenient and expensive to compel him to come to Baltimore to receive the degree.

"Will you kindly notify me of your action in the matter.

"Respectfully and fraternally,

"(Seal.) CHAS. McDONALD, JR., *Secretary.*

"Subsequent correspondence shows that *Adoniram* Chapter intended to ask *King Hiram* Chapter to confer the Royal Arch degree for it, in accordance with the usage in that jurisdiction.

"There being no such usage in this State, it is not surprising that *King Hiram* Chapter misunderstood the request, and treated it as a waiver of jurisdiction according to our law and usage.

"Thereupon Bro. SNOW petitioned *King Hiram* Chapter, reciting the reception of the previous degrees in *Adoniram* Chapter and adding:—

"And with the consent of *Adoniram* Chapter, filed herewith, I apply for the remaining degree and membership in your Chapter."

"The petition took the usual course, and upon the favorable report of the Investigating Committee, was elected by secret ballot; the degree was thereupon conferred upon him, and he signed the by-laws of the Chapter as required by the

Constitution of this Grand Chapter, viz.: 'Every Mason, receiving the Royal Arch degree in a subordinate Chapter, shall thereby become a member of that Chapter, and shall immediately register his name as a member.'

"That he thereby became a member of *King Hiram* Chapter is beyond question. As the Royal Arch degree was not conferred for *Adoniram* Chapter, it seems equally clear to your committee that he did not become a member of *Adoniram* Chapter under the laws of the Grand Chapter of Maryland.

"The committee regret the seeming discourtesy to *Adoniram* Chapter, and apparent violation of Masonic law; but beyond all question it was the result of misunderstanding the intended purpose of the request of *Adoniram* Chapter.

"Under these circumstances we believe that *Adoniram* Chapter will readily pardon the mistake, from its standpoint, which *King Hiram* Chapter unwittingly made.

"We think that no one unacquainted with the usage in Maryland would have understood that request differently from the way in which *King Hiram* Chapter understood it."

The report was accepted, and it was voted that *King Hiram* Chapter be requested to forward a copy of the report to *Adoniram* Chapter at Baltimore.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood for Maine met in Corinthian Hall, May 8th, 1896, at 7:30 P. M.,—M. E. JOSIAH DRUMMOND, President; E. S. BRENNEN BERRY, Grand Recorder. A large number of members were in attendance.

The Council was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Chaplain.

Twelve companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, presented their certificates of installation, were balloted for, elected, anointed and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

The Treasurer reported funds on deposit in Maine Savings Bank amounting to \$437.79.

An election of officers for the ensuing year was held, and upon their installation the Grand Council closed.

Once more the veteran JOSIAH DRUMMOND presents us with the Report on Correspondence. Long may he live to enjoy his rank as "the Dean" of Correspondents.

Comp. DRUMMOND's notice of California is of Grand High Priest CRAWFORD's administration. The official acts of our lamented companion have the general approval of Comp. DRUMMOND. He quotes from the address in regard to the right of a Past High Priest to preside in the absence of all the Council officers, and of his reference to Masonic peddlers in general, and one GRANVILLE A. FRANKS, in particular, also the action of the Grand Chapter authorizing the Grand Secretary to issue, upon proper authentication of the loss or destruction of the original, "a duplicate charter or dispensation," Comp. DRUMMOND comments, and with much pertinence says:—

"In case of old Chapters, it has happened, however, that no copy of the charter was in existence, so that no 'duplicate' could be issued; in most jurisdictions now, the Grand Secretary has a copy of every charter, and while he cannot issue a 'duplicate' original, he may issue a copy with the proper endorsement upon it."

The writer appreciates the courtesy of Comp. DRUMMOND. In his comments, he says:—

"We recently had the pleasure of meeting Comp. DAVIES; we expected to see him again, but in the rush—at Boston—our expectations were disappointed."

The disappointment was mutual, Comp. DRUMMOND; though we acknowledge the fulfillment of a very ancient wish to get a good "square" look at DRUMMOND of Maine.

In closing his review of California, Comp. D. says:—

"Upon the question of the 'status' of unaffiliated Masons, we dissent in 'toto coelo' from Comp. DAVIES' views, as well as upon that of 'dependant membership.'

The latter, in California, is a mere sentiment, because the Grand Lodge (in excess of its rightful powers, as we hold) has taken care of that question by enacting laws which, as we have already said, the Grand Chapter is powerless to rescind. Upon almost all other questions we are in accord with his views."

M. E. HENRY S. WEBSTER was elected Grand High Priest; **R. E. STEPHEN BERRY** was elected Grand Secretary. Chairman of Correspondence: Past Grand High Priest **JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND**, Portland.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Portland, May 5, 1896.

MARYLAND.

The Grand Chapter of Maryland held its ninety-eighth Annual Convocation in the city of Baltimore, November 12th, 1895,—the **M. E. Comp. EDWARD R. TRIPPE**, Grand High Priest; **M. E. GEORGE L. McCAHAN**, Grand Secretary. Eleven Past Grand High Priests, with two Past Deputy Grand High Priests, responded "present" at roll call. Seventeen chartered Chapters were represented, also twenty-nine sister jurisdictions by their Grand Representatives.

Maryland bears upon her roll the names of eighteen Chapters with a membership of 1,662 Royal Arch Masons.

A fine portrait of the Grand High Priest, **M. E. WILLIAM HENRY SHRYOCK**, appears upon the opening page.

California has the honor of being represented near the Grand Chapter of Maryland by Past Deputy Grand High Priest **EDWARD T. SCHULTZ**. He is also its veteran Correspondent, who submits his twentieth annual report at the present session.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

With thanks to God for the privilege of assembling, once again, around the grand Royal Arch Altar, the Grand High Priest gave a cordial welcome to the companions in attendance. He made affectionate mention of old time companions who, since their last Convocation, had passed to rest, and extended the sympathy of the companions of Maryland to those sister jurisdictions who had also been visited by the unwelcome messenger. Among the names inscribed upon the death roll reported, we note that of our beloved companion and long time associate, Past Grand High Priest **JOHN MILLS BROWN**. "May the sweetness of the summer's last rose linger long above his last resting place."

The Grand High Priest was prevented, by a severe accident, from making the usual visitations. He reports the arrangements made and making for the entertainment of the General Grand Chapter on the occasion of its Triennial and the Anniversary of its Centennial; and also the celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the Grand Chapter of Maryland to be held on St. John's Day, June 24, 1897. Lots of designs on that trestle board, and there's room for more.

The Grand High Priest recommends to the favorable consideration of the Grand Chapter the "Masonic Clearing House" proposed to be established for the exchange of Masonic literature, and advises that the very reasonable contribution asked for be made for that purpose.

The receipts for the year were \$1,630.75; the disbursements, same period, were \$1,227.04.

The companions and friends of **M. E. GEORGE L. McCAHAN**, General Grand High Priest, presented a handsome portrait, by a skillful portrait artist of New York, of that eminent companion, which had been suitably framed and placed upon the East wall of the Chapter Hall. It was unveiled and accepted by the Grand Chapter with thanks, emphasized by a rising vote.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Council of **M. E. High Priests** of Maryland convened at the Masonic Temple, November 12th, at 3 o'clock P. M.,—**M. E.**

Comp. JAMES W. BOWERS, President; M. E. Comp. GEORGE L. MCCAHAN, Secretary, and a large attendance of E. companions.

The following, offered by Comp. CARTER, was unanimously adopted:—

“This Council records, with sincere sorrow, minutes of the deaths of companions NATHAN LEHMAN and JOHN HENRY GRIFFIN, two of its members who have passed over the dark river since our last annual meeting.”

It was ordered that memorial pages be inscribed to their memory in the journal of the Council proceedings.

Comps. EDWARD T. SCHULTZ, GEORGE L. MCCAHAN and JOHN M. CARTER, were appointed a committee to prepare a history of the Order of High Priesthood in Maryland.

Nine companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters and otherwise qualified, having been elected, were introduced, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

Officers for the ensuing year having been elected and installed, the Grand Council closed.

The Report on correspondence is by the veteran companion, EDWARD T. SCHULTZ, who submits his twentieth review of the Capitular Bodies whose proceedings were at hand, comprising in this report all the American and our neighbors of New South Wales and Scotland.

Comp. SCHULTZ's review of California is for the administration of Comp. ELLISON L. CRAWFORD, as Grand High Priest. Our companion has since been released from his earthly cares and passed within the vails. He quotes, approvingly, from the address of our lamented companion, and says: “His ruling is in perfect accord with the views of your committee.” He notes the death of our dear companion, JOHN MILLS BROWN, at the city of Washington, May 10, 1894. He reports our condition as healthful and fairly prosperous, upon the authority of our Grand Secretary, THOMAS H. CASWELL.

Comp. SCHULTZ refers to the warning given by our Grand High Priest, and the action of the Grand Chapter in condemning the doings in our jurisdiction of one GRANVILLE A. FRANKS, degree peddler and general disturber of the Masonic peace.

Under Pennsylvania, Comp. SCHULTZ says:—

“Grand High Priest EDGAR A. TENNIS ruled that the action of a Chapter in conferring the degrees upon a brother who resided nearer another Chapter, without first obtaining its consent, was ‘null and void,’ and that the party so receiving the degree is not entitled to any recognition whatever as a Royal Arch Mason.”

This is the Pennsylvania law; but we regard it as unsound. It strikes us the Chapter may be punished for a violation of a well known law, but it is hardly fair to punish the brother who, it is presumed, knew nothing whatever about the law. Having been made in a lawful Chapter, all the declarations in the world cannot unmake him. In all of which we are in accord.

The M. E. WILLIAM H. SHRYOCK was elected Grand High Priest; the M. E. GEORGE L. MCCAHAN was re-elected Grand Secretary. Chairman of Correspondence: Comp. EDWARD T. SCHULTZ, Baltimore.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the Masonic Temple, Baltimore, November 10, 1896.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Grand Chapter of Massachusetts held its first Quarterly Convocation for 1895, in Egyptian Hall of Masonic Temple, Boston, March 12th,—the M. E. J. GILMAN WAITE, Grand High Priest; the E. E. SERANUS BOWEN, Grand

Secretary. Thirty-three Chapters were represented. The representatives of twenty-seven sister Grand Jurisdictions, with thirty-three permanent members of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts were present.

A fine portrait of M. E. THOMAS WATERMAN, Past Grand High Priest, adorns the opening page.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with devotional exercises by the Grand Chaplain.

The usual routine business was transacted. Several District Deputy Grand High Priests were installed.

The M. E. Grand High Priest was invested with the regulation Past Grand High Priest's Jewel, as a compliment for his zeal and efficiency in discharging the duties of his office; to which Comp. WAITE responded in his usual happy manner.

The business of the session being concluded, the Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form.

The second Quarterly was held at the same place June 11th, with same official attendance. Twenty-six Chapters were represented. Thirteen Grand Representatives and nine permanent members were present.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The business of the Convocation was the consideration of a petition praying for the revocation of a dispensation heretofore granted *Waltham* Chapter, which was determined by granting the prayer of the petitioners.

The third Quarterly was held in the Hall of *Mount Vernon* Chapter, on account of the fire at Masonic Temple, September 10th. The Grand Officers and eleven permanent members present. Twenty-three Chapters were represented; thirteen sister jurisdictions were also represented.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with the usual devotional exercises.

The Grand High Priest spoke of the loss to the Fraternity of their former home by fire in the Temple on the 7th instant, and alluded, with much feeling, to the prompt and generous offers made by various Masonic organizations. Even before the fire was fairly out, the rooms in which this Convocation is held was placed at their service. In connection therewith the Grand Secretary read several communications. The Grand Chapter then closed.

The Grand Chapter held its ninety-seventh Annual Convocation December 10th.

The M. E. J. GILMAN WAITE, Grand High Priest, after opening the Grand Chapter, gave a cordial welcome to the companions who had assembled to witness the annual exemplification of the work and lectures of the Chapter degrees.

Under the direction of the Grand Lecturer, HARRY HUNT, the stations were filled and the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent and Royal Arch were fully exemplified, an opportunity being given at the close of each degree for any inquiries by companions regarding the work.

The work was admirably presented, and was witnessed by representatives of sixty of the seventy-four Chapters in the jurisdiction.

At the evening session, all the Grand Officers being in attendance, sixty-two Chapters were represented. Eighteen permanent members were present, with the representatives of eighteen sister jurisdictions.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, the Grand Chaplain officiating at the Altar.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. With a glowing welcome to the companions, he voiced the pleasant tidings of a prosperous ending of the labors of the past year, and especially the spirit of delightful harmony which had characterized their efforts. He reported the particulars of the disastrous fire of September 7th, which, although causing some inconvenience, had not occasioned a serious loss, as they were protected by insurance. He reported their representation and cordial reception at the Centennial Anniversary of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, an event of importance to Capitular Masonry in the United States. No unusual business was transacted. The year had been noted for harmonious action and general prosperity.

The Grand High Priest gave out a few words of caution, referring to a practice which he feared was becoming too common: the sending of notices by postal card, or other unsealed envelopes, containing matter to be acted upon in a "tiled body."

The Secretary of the Convention of High Priests, Comp. SERANUS BOWEN, reported that fourteen companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, had been anointed and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood since the last annual report.

Massachusetts has enrolled seventy-four chartered Chapters, with a membership of 13,944 Royal Arch Masons. The jurisdiction is divided into twelve districts, under the supervision of twelve District Deputy Grand High Priests.

The Committee on Necrology report the names of one hundred and seventy companions inscribed upon the death roll of the year.

The Report on Correspondence is again presented by R. E. SERANUS BOWEN. The report is a good one, and much more interesting than we would expect from the extraordinary quiet of the year, whose doings are here recorded. The unusual activity of Templarism in Massachusetts for the year ending August, 1895, was good reason for shading any "burning questions" that would, in the average year, insist on being noticed in the other departments of Masonry; but then the Royal Arch family of Massachusetts is above the average in size and ability—seventy-four Chapters, with fourteen thousand members, forms an army of sufficient force and power to demand consideration.

Comp. BOWEN's review of California is for the administration of our lamented Comp. CRAWFORD. He commends our legislation, and thinks the business of the session was conducted with harmony, resulting in prosperity to the Capitular Rite. He also quotes our report, and generally concurs.

Under Connecticut, he makes feeling reference to the death of our eloquent friend and companion, WHEELER, and in his memory quotes these lines, written by him:—

"TO HIS MEMORY.

"Thy record is finished, and earth clouds are darkened.
Thy frail bark is moored on the shore of life's sea;
The voice from beyond thee, to which thou hast harkened,
Is that of the 'Master,' who calleth for thee.

"Thy record is finished! but 'yond the dark river
A light shineth brightly; thine opened eyes see;
And gladly is welcomed the shaft from its quiver,
That opens the door to Him calling for thee."

Under District of Columbia, of the Address of the Grand High Priest, Comp. BOWEN writes :—

"The Address of the Grand High Priest is a good business document, and repays careful perusal. A question of jurisdiction arose between the Grand Chapter of D. C. and that of Virginia, which was amicably settled. The Grand High Priest made one decision which accords with law and common sense, that a brother with an artificial leg, who could comply with the requirements of the ritual, is eligible for the degrees. Why should he not be eligible, just as well as a brother who is unable to see without glasses? We have heard men that couldn't see at all without the aid of glasses, argue that no man should be permitted to receive the degrees without he could literally comply with all the requirements without the aid of mechanical appliances. If glasses are not mechanical appliances, what are they?"

Ask us something easier, Comp. BOWEN?

Under Maine, Comp. BOWEN quotes Comp. DRUMMOND, in his discussion with Comp. AFRICA, of Pennsylvania, of the "legitimacy and in accordance with ancient custom" of public installations, and fully concurs with Comp. DRUMMOND on that matter. We think it beyond dispute that the right to install in public was admitted by the oldest Grand Lodges, and never denied by an American Grand Lodge, except, perhaps, in the case of Pennsylvania.

M. E. Comp. J. GILMAN WAITE was elected Grand High Priest; R. E. SERANUS BOWEN was re-elected Grand Secretary. Correspondent: R. E. SERANUS BOWEN, 28 School street, Boston.

MICHIGAN.

The Grand Chapter of Michigan held its forty-seventh Annual Convocation in the city of Detroit January 21st, 1896.—M. E. CHARLES D. BLANCHARD, Grand High Priest; R. E. JEFFERSON S. CONOVER, Grand Secretary. One hundred and twenty-four constituent Chapters, of the one hundred and twenty-seven on the roll, were represented. The jurisdiction numbers 12,677 affiliated Royal Arch Masons. Fifteen Past Grand High Priests, with one Past Deputy, were in attendance.

A nice portrait of the Grand High Priest prefaces this volume.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

The Grand High Priest gave the assembled companions pleasant greeting, and welcomed them to the consideration of such legislation as would best promote the interests and future welfare of the Grand Chapter of Michigan.

Before reporting his official acts he paused to announce the death of the R. E. Grand King, and paid a fraternal, loving tribute to his memory. Comp. CHARLES P. HUNT, Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, had been summoned from their inner circle in the prime of his manhood, at the early age of 37 years. A devoted Mason, universally loved and respected by the community in which he lived, his loss is a severe one to the Masonic Fraternity.

Past Grand High Priest MICHAEL SHOMMAKER was also called from his earthly associations, and closed a long, active and useful life at the ripe age of 77 years.

Of the unusual number of eminent companions—men of national reputation—who have answered the call and passed up with their work during the year, the Grand High Priest says :—

"We mourn with our sister jurisdictions the loss of many illustrious companions who have passed through the valley of the shadow of death."

He suggests that such action be taken relative to the deceased companions as their exalted position among the Royal Craft would warrant.

We note no decisions of more than local importance.

The Grand High Priest appeals strongly for the support of the Michigan Home. He also referred to the proposed history of Freemasonry in Michigan, now in course of preparation by Grand Secretary CONOVER, giving it strong commendation.

In response to an appeal, by circular, of the Grand High Priest, the Grand Secretary acknowledged the receipt of \$910.15 for the support of the Home. At the same time he had the unpleasant duty of reporting that ninety-three, or nearly two-thirds of the Chapters, had disregarded the petition.

The receipts of Grand Secretary's office were \$7,237.50. The disbursements by Grand Treasurer were \$6,000.29.

The Grand Secretary was authorized to enroll the Grand Chapter as a member of the Masonic Collectors' Association.

The Grand Chapter appropriated \$500 as a contribution to aid the Michigan Masonic Home, provided said Home is accepted by the Grand Lodge at its next session.

The Committee on Obituaries, Comp. FRANCIS A. BLADES, Chairman, made an elaborate and most excellent report, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The Grand Chapter resolved to hold its next Annual Convocation in Saginaw.

The death roll of the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Michigan has inscribed upon it the names of one hundred and sixty-two companions.

We note a mourning page devoted to the memory of Past Grand High Priest REES GIBBON WILLIAMS, of New York, an old personal friend, and commissioned by our Grand High Priest during the past year as Representative of the Grand Chapter of California near the Grand Chapter of New York. Peace to his memory.

The thirty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Council of High Priests was held in the city of Detroit, January 21st, 1895,—M.: E.: TRAVERSE PHILLIPS, President; E.: BURNHAM TRACY, Grand Recorder; and a number of companions were present.

The Grand Council was opened in Ample Form.

Nine companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, and otherwise qualified, having been elected, were introduced, anointed and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

The M.: E.: President presented the new ritual for the consideration of the Grand Council, prefacing the same with appropriate remarks, and stating it had already been adopted by thirty-one States and recommended its adoption by this Grand Council. After remarks by several of the companions, on motion of E.: Vice-President Comp. C. R. BAGG, it was accepted and adopted unanimously, by a rising vote.

The Constitution was amended and the fee for the Order fixed at the sum of \$5.

An election of officers for the ensuing year was held, and, after installation, the Grand Council closed.

The Report on Correspondence is again presented by Grand Secretary CONOVER, Chairman of that Committee, who, with his silver tongue, persuaded two companions to undertake such part of the work as he might assign them, with the assurance that their labors should not go unrewarded, but they should gain much honor and reputation thereby: and, bless his heart, he gave it all to them, consenting to act as Chairman and shadow their work from pure kindness. And so the review of

California falls to the lot of Comp. WILLIAM M. BAILEY, who, after sharpening his pencil, proceeded to look into the administration of Grand High Priest CRAWFORD, who, since that time, has passed to his eternal rest.

Comp. BAILEY reflects sharply upon our practice of using substitutes. We find it convenient, Comp. BAILEY, to permit a M. : E. : Master to pursue his investigations without unnecessary delay, or, hanging him up for weeks or even months, waiting for the "team to fill." And then we find it useful as an instructor to the substitute, many of whom sadly need making over. Comp. BAILEY gives his hearty commendation to Grand High Priest CRAWFORD in his denunciation of peddlers of spurious degrees, who about that time were paying their particular attention to this jurisdiction in direct violation of the regulations of our Grand Chapter.

The chief or head centre of this mischief is one GRANVILLE A. FRAMBES, a member of *Oceana* Chapter, No. 56, located at Pentwater, Michigan, of whom Grand High Priest CRAWFORD wrote as follows, as quoted by Comp. BAILEY :—

"My attention has recently been called to one GRANVILLE A. FRAMBES, who is traveling over our jurisdiction peddling certain so-called Masonic degrees, claiming that they are genuine, and that he had been recognized by the Grand Bodies of the world. General Regulation 21 very clearly defines what are the true and legitimate Bodies of Masonry, and should be strictly enforced. The course of said FRAMBES is creating discord and confusion among the Chapters in this jurisdiction. In this course the said FRAMBES is aided and abetted by members owing allegiance to this Grand Chapter. I can but say that the High Priests of the Chapters of which said aiders and abettors are members have been derelict of their duty in not enforcing General Regulation 21, after the decided action of the Chapter at the session of 1892."

Comp. BAILEY comments as follows :—

"It is quite refreshing and a source of a great deal of satisfaction to see that some of the Grand High Priests and Grand Officers of other Bodies have sufficient stamina to call attention to the law and insist that the Bodies over which they preside take such measures as may be necessary to stamp out this evil, which has been a great source of annoyance and injury to the Masonic Fraternity.

"We would very strongly commend to this Grand Body, Rule No. 21 of the General Regulations of the Grand Chapter of California, and the enactment of such laws as will cause the same to be rigorously enforced."

Comp. BAILEY compliments our Grand Secretary, Comp. THOMAS H. CASWELL, and his reports, which we are pleased to see he fully appreciates as "instructive and edifying," but entirely ignores this Correspondent. But we have enjoyed Comp. BAILEY all the same, and concur in Comp. CONOVER's endorsement of his work.

M. : E. : LOU B. WINSOR was elected Grand High Priest ; R. : E. : JEFFERSON S. CONOVER was re-elected Grand Secretary. Chairman of Correspondence : R. : E. : JEFFERSON S. CONOVER, Coldwater.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Saginaw, January 10th, 1897.

MINNESOTA.

The Grand Chapter of Minnesota held its thirty-fourth Annual Convocation in the city of St. Paul, October 8th, 1895.

A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was first opened, the roll of Chapters called by the Grand Secretary, and a majority being represented, the Grand High Priest declared the Grand Chapter open for business. Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by Comp. THOMAS MONTGOMERY ; a review of forty Grand Royal Arch Bodies ; being his sixth report of matters pertaining to Capitular Masonry in the Masonic world.

He passes through Arizona, lingers a short time with the poetic OLIVER, pays a tribute of respect and affection to our old friend and correspondent, the lamented LIGHTHIZER ; introduces to the scribbling community Comp. CHARLES D. BELCHER as a worthy successor to the lamented companion, and subsides with the excuse that having left his "BARTLETT quotations" at home he wouldn't attempt to "embellish this time, but would see us later," etc., etc.

Comp. MONTGOMERY'S review of California is for the administration of our departed Grand High Priest, ELLISON L. CRAWFORD, whose unexpected death is as yet hardly realized by the Craft in California. He gives us words of sympathy in the loss of our beloved Past Grand High Priests JOHN M. BROWNE and CHARLES R. GRITMAN ; quotes Comp. CRAWFORD, and concurs in his opinions as to the good effects of visitations of Chapters by Grand Officers ; compliments Comp. CASWELL on his good work as Grand Secretary ; applauds our treatment of bogus Masonry, and hopes our efforts will prove successful ; and also writes kind words of the work of this Correspondent, for which we send him thanks with all good wishes.

M. : E. : CHARLES D. BOYER was elected Grand High Priest ; R. : E. : THOMAS MONTGOMERY was re-elected Grand Secretary ; Past Grand High Priest THOMAS MONTGOMERY, St. Paul, Correspondent.

The next Annual Convocation will be held at St. Paul, October 13th, 1896.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Grand Chapter of Mississippi held its forty-seventh Annual Convocation in the city of West Point, February 13th, 1895,—the M. : E. : WILLIAM STARLING, Grand High Priest ; R. : E. : J. L. POWER, Grand Secretary. Thirty-four Chapters were represented, and there were present eight Past Grand High Priests, one Past Deputy Grand High Priest and the representatives of twenty-four sister Grand Jurisdictions.

A handsome portrait of the late Grand Lecturer, Comp. ROBERT B. BRANNIN, deceased, prefaces this volume.

Mississippi has upon her roll forty-nine Chapters, with a membership of 1,419 Royal Arch Masons.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. After extending a cordial welcome to the assembled companions, he reported his official acts during the recess of the Grand Chapter, mostly routine business. After which he referred to the great loss they had sustained in the death of their beloved Grand Lecturer, Comp. ROBERT B. BRANNIN, and paid an eloquent, loving tribute to his character as an upright citizen and an accomplished Mason. He also referred in fraternal and most affectionate terms to the eminent dead mourned by Tennessee, New York and the National Jurisdiction—GEORGE COOPER CONNOR, JOHN FRIZZELL and ROBERT MACOY.

The Grand High Priest submits the following opinion received by him from the Chairman of the Committee on Capitular Law, which reminds us of an incident which occurred in Ship Island Harbor, June 18th, 1894. "By the high power in me vested" is good for the stage or on dress parade, but for practical use in this year of constitutions and law it aint worth a—:

"Major William Starling, Grand High Priest, Greenville, Miss.:—

"MY DEAR SIB AND MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION : The Committee on Capitular Law having maturely considered the question submitted to it in your esteemed

favor of the 22d ult., are of the opinion that Captain MADRELL, the gentleman who was made a Mason by Bro. SPINKS at Ship Island, not being a member of a Symbolic Lodge, is not eligible to receive the Chapter degrees by dispensation or otherwise; it being assumed that he is not a member of a Lodge in this jurisdiction or a resident of this State.

"Section 22 of the Regulations for Chapters says that 'no Chapter shall confer the degrees upon any candidate whose fixed place of abode has not been within its jurisdiction for twelve months next before making application.' Sec. 7, Art. XI of the Constitution, says 'no Chapter shall confer the degrees of the Chapter upon any person whose fixed place of abode is within any other State, district or territory, in which there is a Grand Chapter regularly established, except by the consent of the subordinate Chapter nearest the place of residence of the applicant.' Sec. 23 of the Regulations prohibits the recognition, as a Royal Arch Mason, of any brother who shall receive the degrees in violation of Sec. 7 of our Constitution, which is identical with Sec. 41 of the General Grand Chapter Constitution. We know of no power vested in the Grand High Priest to dispense with these provisions, but if he had that power and the degrees were to be conferred, it would do the applicant no good, because Sec. 38 of the Regulations declares non-affiliates ineligible, and it is clear that eligibility is something which cannot be created by dispensation; it is a fact which must exist, and not a precautionary provision to be waived, as for instance, a woman could not be made a Mason, because she is not qualified.

"We are agreed that a dispensation would be void if granted, because the Grand High Priest cannot suspend a constitutional provision.

"You did not enclose Commander McCORMICK's letter.

"Very truly and fraternally yours,

"FREDERIC SPEED."

A full and interesting report of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter was submitted by Comp. FREDERIC SPEED, who was in attendance with the Grand High Priest.

There is also published in this volume "A Memoir of JOSEPH POTTS HORNER," General Grand High Priest, by FREDERIC SPEED, Past Grand High Priest. Read in the General Grand Chapter of the United States at Topeka, Kansas, August 22d, 1894. An eloquent tribute to the useful life of an eminent Mason.

A Convention of the High Priests of the Jurisdiction of Mississippi was held at West Point, February 13th, 1895,—M. E. WILLIAM STARLING, President; E. Comp. W. G. PAXTON, Recorder.

The Convention opened in Due Form.

Nine companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, and being otherwise qualified, were received, anointed and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected, and the following expression was adopted by a rising vote :—

"The Grand Convention of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Mississippi desire to place on record their profound appreciation of the services of the late President, M. E. Comp. R. B. BRANNIN, and their sincere mourning for his untimely death.

"While Comp. Brannin was eminent as a teacher and a worker in all departments of Masonry, he signalized himself especially in the Order of High Priesthood. He succeeded, as President, the late Comp. WILLIAM RICHARDS, and wore the mantle of that distinguished Capitular Mason with honor and dignity. As long as Comp. BRANNIN lived, the office of President of the Order was conceded to him by common consent, and nothing but his death would have caused his companions to give him a successor.

"We revere his memory as the zealous worker, the accomplished teacher, the faithful companion, the true and loving friend. His place in our memory and our affections will never be filled. Our consolation is that while we still struggle to complete the tasks allotted to us, we know full well that he has gone to his reward."

No further business appearing, the Convention was duly closed.

The Report on Correspondence is by Past Grand High Priest PHINEAS M. SAVERY—a comprehensive review of forty-three Grand Royal Arch Bodies. The legislation of California seems to meet with his approval, as no adverse comments are made.

Under Maine, after reviewing Comp. DRUMMOND, Comp. SAVERY extends to Comp. JOSIAH this cordial invitation :—

“Come down and see Mississippi; come when her Masonic Grand Bodies are in session, or any other time. You have a host of friends in the Southland, and among those of “the Mystic Tie” your name is a familiar and honored one.

“BARKLEY, DELAP, PAXTON, POWER, SPEED and SAVERY will vouch for a royal welcome, whenever you apprise them of your intended visit. We last clasped hands at New Orleans in 1874. Two decades have passed, but our Masonic friendship has never waned.”

Under Maryland, commenting upon the views of Comp. SCHULTZ on physical qualification, he writes :—

“We agree with Comp. SCHULTZ in the matter of physical qualification. In ye olden times, when the Levitical priesthood were appointed, one must be without blemish to minister to the Tabernacle or the Temple. No matter what their mental or moral qualification, they must be sound in all their limbs and without blemish, *vide* Lev. 16-21. Is this not a lesson taught us in Masonry not to deviate from old landmarks?”

Under Colorado, Comp. SAVERY quotes this :—

“Who ever heard of making laws *compelling the married man to support his mother*. We believe in supporting the Blue Lodge as the corner-stone and foundation of all Freemasonry. But it is amply able to make its own laws and take care of itself. Our observation leads us to believe that the men who support and maintain the Chapter are the very men who support and maintain the Lodge. The tendency is to a useless and cumbersome legislation.”

To the above, Comp. SAVERY responds as follows :—

“We dissent. A man who would refuse to support his mother, if she was in destitute circumstances, is unfit to live, unfit to die, and yet there are sometimes such beings wearing the human form. They should be required by law, if necessary, to care for their mother. The Mosaic law commanded, ‘honor thy father and mother;’ the Blessed Master, in the last hour of human life, made provision for the care of his mother.

“We know the Capitular law of Mississippi is lax on this matter, but it will be all right in a decade. It *must be changed* in order to be consistent.

“All the Masonic Grand Bodies of Mississippi, by unanimous vote, have adopted resolutions looking to the building and perpetuity of a Masonic Home, and each of said Grand Bodies have placed the whole matter in the custody of the Grand Lodge, together with the Masonic Home Treasury, and, also, Grand Lodge Charity Fund. What kind of Masons are such delinquents? They are not useful, or ornamental, and there is no work about the Temple that is suited to their peculiar taste. If a Mason is unable to pay Lodge dues in Mississippi, they are remitted; but for one abundantly able to pay, and too stingy to do so, we think he ought to be compelled to pay, or die.”

M. E. GUS J. BAHIN was elected Grand High Priest; R. E. J. L. POWER was re-elected Grand Secretary. Chairman of Correspondence: Past Grand High Priest PHINEAS M. SAVERY, Tupelo.

MISSOURI.

The Grand Chapter of Missouri held its forty-eighth Annual Convocation April 25th, 1895.—M. E. CORONA H. BRIGGS, Grand High Priest, R. E. WM. H. MAYO, Grand Secretary. Eighty-one Chapters were represented. There

the Grand Chapter does not mean to say that a necessary part of the installation ceremony shall be performed or not at the option of an independent body over which it has not the slightest control. Besides, what right has anyone to require a High Priest elect to pay five dollars (or any other sum) before he can lawfully assume and properly discharge the duties of his office? If the Order is to be regarded as in any sense a part of the installation ceremony, it is absurd to confer it upon a Past High Priest, as is very generally done. We are of the opinion that this Order, beautiful and solemnly impressive as it is, is not an essential qualification for a presiding High Priest."

We think Comp. MAYO's demurrer to our resolution not well founded. The laws referred to are the established customs of the capitular system. The objection that if the Order is a part of the ceremony of installation no one could serve as High Priest until he had received it is not tenable, for Bro. MAYO knows that however elaborate the ceremonies of installation may be, yet, circumstances control, and in case of emergency the law is answered by a simple promise to accept and perform to the best of the companion elect's ability the duties pertaining to the office to which he has been elected; that it has been neglected in many jurisdictions we are aware, but believe it, no less, not only a part of the installation ceremony of the officers of a Royal Arch Chapter, but a ceremony necessary to a full understanding and exemplification of the Royal Arch Degree and in entire harmony with the scriptural references of the Chapter system.

M. E. ALVIN HAYNIE was elected Grand High Priest, R. E. WM. H. MAYO was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Springfield April 23, 1896.

MONTANA.

The Grand Chapter of Montana held its sixth Annual Convocation in the city of Helena, October 7th, 1895.—M. E. IKE W. BAKER, Grand High Priest; R. E. CORNELIUS HEDGES, Grand Secretary. Of the twelve chartered Chapters of Montana eleven were represented. Past Grand High Priest A. H. BARRETT was present, with the representatives of two sister Grand Jurisdictions.

A handsome portrait of the Grand High Priest graces the opening page of this volume.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Address. He reports the jurisdiction as enjoying a fair degree of prosperity. Since the last Convocation death had been with them and summoned two useful companions. The work of the General Grand Chapter has been received and adopted, and is very satisfactory to the Chapters. No question of importance had been submitted for decision.

The Grand High Priest was unable to visit the Chapters in the eastern part of the State. He granted one dispensation for the formation of a new Chapter. This Chapter under dispensation appears at the present session and asks that a charter be granted them. The Committee on Charters, who inspected their work, advise that they tarry a while as minors, and offer the following reasons:—

"In view of the circumstances and conditions of this case, as presented, your committee recommend that *Kalispell* Chapter be continued Under Dispensation until they furnish a more satisfactory specimen of their work.

"We find the minutes improperly kept, and other irregularities, as follows:—

"The presiding officers are not mentioned in the proceedings. The appointment of a finance committee, not regular. At the Convocation of May 24th, 1895, it appears that seven Master Masons were advanced to the honorary degree of Mark Master Masons, then elected and presided as Masters in the chair. After.

wards two other Master Masons were advanced to the honorary degree of Mark Master Masons, then inducted into the oriental chair, then the nine were received and acknowledged *M. E. Masters*, after which the nine were exalted to the august degree of *R. A. M.*, the same being done at one Convocation.

"We also find that on June 28th, at a meeting, they placed the annual dues at one dollar per year, which we consider too low. At the same meeting three candidates were advanced to the degree of Mark Master Masons, presided as Masters in the chair, were received and acknowledged *M. E. Masters* and exalted to the august degree of *R. A. M.* at one and the same Convocation.

"In receiving petitions and electing members, not allowing proper time to elapse.

"The minutes are very irregularly kept, showing Convocations held May 24th, June 14th, June 28th, June 12th, June 26th and Sept. 13th, 1895.

"On June 26th it appears two candidates were advanced, presided, received and exalted, Comp. GALE acting as a substitute at one and the same meeting.

"We further recommend that they be instructed in the proper form of recording the proceedings of their Convocations, and instructed to advance none until they have shown suitable proficiency in the preceding degrees."

The Grand Chapter appropriated two hundred dollars for a new set of jewels.

Memorial pages were devoted to the memories of RICHARD O'HICKMAN, the First Grand High Priest of Montana, and six companions, members of *Virginia City Chapter*, *Helena Chapter*, *Deer Lodge Chapter* and *Great Falls Chapter*, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Montana.

The Report on Correspondence is presented once again by the companion and Grand Secretary, CORNELIUS HEDGES. It comprises a review of the doings of forty-six Grand Capitular Bodies, with the legislation had by the General Grand Chapter at its last Convocation. Comp. HEDGES gives voice to the general verdict that but little important business is transacted by the "General Grand." He says:—

"We should very much prefer to see greater powers conferred on the General Grand Chapter; all correspondence with foreign jurisdictions, and exchange of representatives remitted to it, and its list of elective officers cut down to six. As it is now, it is the case of the old confederation against constitutional union over again, with that mathematical paradox of each of the parts being greater than the whole."

We think there is merit in the suggestion.

In his notice of California, Comp. HEDGES extends his sympathy to us who last year mourned the loss of two beloved Past Grand High Priests, Comps. BROWNE and GRITMAN, and now we are sadly compelled to ask him to add the name of Comp. ELLISON L. CRAWFORD, whose Address he is reviewing in the paper before us. He has passed from among his earthly associates and joined his companions above.

Comp. HEDGES approves our action in the Cerneau matter and the discipline of its aiders and abettors, foreign and domestic.

In regard to the representative fund, Comp. HEDGES says if any balance remains in the fund, and there is always an unused balance, the committee consider the balance in fixing the rate of per capita tax for the representative fund for the ensuing year.

We are impressed with the independent, self-reliant tone of Comp. HEDGES' conclusion, and borrow it for circulation among the High Priests of California:—

"Most of this report was written before we went East in August and we have noticed hastily such that came during our absence.

"Considering the material depression, it can be said that the Craft has prospered wonderfully well.

NEW JERSEY.

The Grand Chapter of New Jersey held its thirty-ninth Annual Convocation in the city of Trenton, May 15th, 1895,—M. E. THOMAS O. AYRES, Grand High Priest; E. GEORGE B. EDWARDS, Grand Secretary. Twenty-seven Chapters were represented, and there were present twelve Past Grand High Priests, one Past Grand Scribe and the representatives of thirty sister Grand Jurisdictions. Comp. ALEX. GEDDES, California's representative, was not present.

A handsome portrait of Past Grand High Priest JAMES H. DURAND, engraved on steel, ornaments this volume.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Several officers of the Grand Chapter of New York, under the lead of the Deputy Grand High Priest, Comp. GEORGE E. W. STINERS, were introduced and welcomed by the Grand High Priest and received with Grand Royal Arch honors.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. After a cordial and fraternal greeting to the assembled companions, congratulating them upon the prosperity of the jurisdiction, he called attention to the vacant seat in their circle, and reported the death of Past High Priest Comp. ABRAHAM C. GORDINIER, a beloved companion, whose departure was sincerely mourned. He also mentioned the names of many eminent companions of sister jurisdictions who had been, during the year, stricken from the roll of human existence and passed to eternal rest. He recommended the Grand Chapter to place memorial pages in their record in testimony of their esteem and fraternal respect for the illustrious dead, and that their expressions of sympathy for the bereaved households and the jurisdictions of which they were honored leaders be recorded in the journal of the session.

A dispensation was issued for the formation of a new Chapter at Hackensack. Several special dispensations were issued.

The visitations of the Grand High Priest did not equal his expectations at the commencement of his term, although he had the satisfaction of reporting that, in connection with the Deputy and the King and Scribe, all of the Chapters were visited by a Grand Officer during the year. Good work for the Council.

Referring to the Order of High Priesthood, he says:—

"The action of the Grand Chapter at its last Annual Convocation in accepting the control of the Order of High Priesthood has been to me a matter of extended and thoughtful consideration, and at this late day I am not convinced that the acceptance of such a trust was wise or will prove beneficial.

"It may be well asked: What relation the Order of High Priesthood bears to the Capitular system of New Jersey? The degree has been conferred by competent authority as an appendage to office, and it is not a requirement in this Capitular system. The absorption of the degree by this Grand Chapter would be a Masonic anomaly, and such action detrimental to the interests of the Order."

These remarks seem to stagger the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, and after taking time to catch their respective breaths, they report as follows:—

"In reference to the Order of High Priesthood, its present anomalous attitude, as indicated by the remarks of the Grand High Priest, leads your committee to the opinion that the Committee on Constitutions, to whom it was referred at the last Annual Convocation, should again digest the subject and deliver an opinion as to the best course to pursue for the interest and welfare of this Grand Body."

As the committee don't specify the "anomalous attitude," we are at a loss to understand how the absorption of the degree by the Grand Chapter could be detri-

mental to its best interests. We are inclined to think our brother LOT has made himself a *persona non grata* to some eminent Jerseyman who is trying to get even by denying his relationship. The Grand High Priest says :—

“It may well be asked what relation the Order of High Priesthood bears to the Capitular system of New Jersey?”

We give it up, and ask another : What relation does the Capitular system of New Jersey bear to the Royal Arch degree?

The Grand Chapter decided that “for the transaction of the business of a subordinate Chapter, nine Royal Arch Masons, members of that particular Chapter, must be present.”

The Annual Convention of High Priests of the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey was held in the city of Trenton, May 14th, 1895,—Comp. CHARLES L. CHOVEY, President ; Comp. GEORGE B. EDWARDS, Recorder.

Ten companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters and otherwise qualified, having been elected, were admitted, anointed and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

It was resolved to erect a monument to the late Comp. SAMUEL G. BRUNETT, Grand Sentinel.

Convention closed.

Comp. GEORGE B. EDWARDS presents the Report on Correspondence, it being a review of the doings of fifty Grand Bodies. His notice of California is for the year 1894, when Comp. CRAWFORD, as Deputy, presided in the absence of CHARLES R. GRITMAN, detained at home by serious illness, which resulted in his death a few months later. Comp. ELLISON LASSEL CRAWFORD succeeded Comp. GRITMAN in his office of Grand High Priest, and discharged all his official duties with eminent satisfaction to his constituency and installed his successor in office, in the enjoyment of his usual robust health ; but he, too, has gone to join the “innumerable caravan, which moves to that mysterious realm, where each shall take his chamber in the silent halls of death.” Many years ago Longfellow wrote :—

“Death never takes one alone, but two ;
Whenever he enters in at a door,
Under roof of gold or roof of thatch,
He always leaves it upon the latch,
And comes again ere the year is o’er,
Never one of a household only.”

The Masonic Grand Bodies of California for the past years have been frequently reminded of the poet’s lines.

Comp. EDWARDS gives us a most excellent report, one fully worthy of the successor of the lamented VEHLAGE. In the practical work of a Royal Arch Chapter, Comp. EDWARDS does not believe in the cutting of ceremonials or the exercises of opening and closing. No “short forms” for him. He is not enamored with the virtues or beauties of the Past Master degree, and is liberal in his construction of the requirements of the law of physical qualifications. He reviews forty-nine Grand Bodies of Royal Arch Masons and gets at the pith of their legislation.

Under Minnesota, he writes of two eminent Masons of the jurisdiction. He uses these complimentary words :—

“May this reviewer, without offense, be permitted to present to Comp. MONTGOMERY the fact that Comps. BECHTEL and BELCHER of New Jersey, are not either twins in fact or appearance, although both CHARLESSES ; that notwithstanding each can trace his genealogy, they are not of the same tribe, are entirely unlike, except

in both being good Masons and of large stature. In ascribing the steel engraving bound with the proceedings of last year, for which Comp. BECHTEL sat, to be the portrait of Comp. BELOHER, it is difficult to estimate whom is most honored—the sat, or the sat-on. There is no election! Companions will again prepare their ballots."

The M. E. JOSEPH E. FULPER was elected Grand High Priest; the R. E. GEORGE B. EDWARDS was re-elected Grand Secretary. Comp. GEORGE B. EDWARDS was continued as Chairman of Correspondence.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Trenton, May 13th, 1896.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Grand Chapter of New Hampshire held its seventy-sixth Annual Convocation in the city of Concord, May 14th, 1895,—the M. E. WM. H. W. HINDE, Grand High Priest; R. E. GEORGE P. CLEAVES, Grand Secretary. Eighteen Chapters were represented. There were present eight Past Grand High Priests and the representatives of twenty-three sister Grand Jurisdictions.

A portrait of M. E. ALPHEUS N. BAKER, Past Grand High Priest, who served in 1884-5, graces this volume.

The Grand Chapter bears upon its roll the names of twenty-three subordinate Chapters, with a membership of 3,221 Royal Arch Masons.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. With an acknowledgment to the Great Jehovah for permission to meet in Annual Convocation, he extended a cordial greeting to the assembled companions, and expressed the hope that their deliberations might result in advancing the welfare of Capitular Masonry in New Hampshire.

Before reporting his official acts, the Grand High Priest referred with much feeling to those whose absence was marked and unusual from the assemblies of their companions; but they had been summoned by the Supreme Ruler and called from labor here by the grim messenger death, leaving us with but the fragrant memories of their useful lives. He recited the Masonic histories of those whose names were inscribed upon the lengthy death roll, and paid an earnest tribute to their virtues.

The official acts of the Grand High Priest were few and of but local importance.

Interesting reports were made by the Deputy Grand High Priest, King and Scribe, relating to the condition of the Chapters under the supervision of each.

The receipts for the year were \$1,018.72; the expenditures, \$1,440.42; amount of funds on hand, \$2,241.81.

In his review of New York, Comp. WAIT quotes the following resolution:—

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Chapter that all Convocations of a Chapter presided over by one of its Council officers, and held pursuant to its By-Laws, are legal, whether the charter of the Chapter is present or otherwise."

And he adds:—

"This is a doctrine for which it is well known we have contended for years, against some of the leading Masonic writers, and the decisions of many Grand Chapters and Grand Lodges of this country. So far as New York is concerned, it is now settled in accordance with the common sense of the subject."

Under Wisconsin, we quote the following opinion upon the right to withdraw an application after reference and before ballot. The regulation may be general,

but as Comp. WAIT says, "we do not think it necessary," and we add, it very often results in positive injustice. Comp. WAIT says:—

"A 'Constitutional provision' of the Grand Chapter of course must preclude all discussion upon this as well as every other question. We do not think, however, that it is a universal or a necessary regulation of Masonry that a petition for the degrees cannot, after reference to a committee, be allowed to be withdrawn. We see no reason, Masonic or otherwise, in such a doctrine. On the contrary, it seems to us reasonable and just that in case a candidate wishes to withdraw his application the Lodge or Chapter should have authority to permit him to do so. We have a decided impression that such is held to be the law in some of the Grand Masonic Bodies of this country, though we are not at present able to state in what particular jurisdiction the law prevails."

Comp. SWAIN, of Wisconsin, under California, said:—

"We question non-affiliation being a violation of Masonic law, MACKAY, to the contrary, notwithstanding; and Comp. WAIT says, 'we are very much inclined to be of his opinion.'"

We don't understand, Comp. WAIT, why there should be an exemption from the obligation referring to membership. Speaking of California, our law declares that it is the duty of every Royal Arch Mason to be a member of some Chapter, and prescribes the penalty for a violation of that duty. A Royal Arch Mason remaining unaffiliated, is, therefore, guilty of a Masonic offense, a violation of a law which he has promised to maintain and support.

Comp. ALBERT S. WAIT presents the Report on Correspondence. He submits a review of fifty-three Grand Capitular Bodies, with his comments upon their doings. As Comp. WAIT is recognized as one of the ablest of Masonic scholars, his opinions are always received and welcomed with interest by intelligent Masons. Comp. WAIT's review of California is for the term of Grand High Priest GRITMAN, who, at the time of the Annual Convocation, was afflicted with the illness which in a few weeks thereafter took him from us forever. Comp. WAIT reviews our legislation in a spirit of fairness, and with a disposition to credit us with the knowledge of what food is best for our digestion and the clothing best suited to our climate; in fact he would not condemn us for a non-essential omission if he believed we had in view the honor and reputation of Capitular Masonry.

The Annual Convention of the Anointed High Priests of New Hampshire was held in the city of Concord, May 14th, 1895,—the M. E. JOHN F. WEBSTER, President; E. GEORGE P. CLEAVES, Recorder.

The Convention was opened in Ample Form.

Applications for the Order of High Priesthood were received from eleven companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters and otherwise qualified, who were received, anointed and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

A Code of By-Laws was presented by the E. Recorder and adopted.

The names of the following deceased anointed High Priests were ordered inscribed upon the memorial tablets of the Convention: The M. E. THOMAS EDWARDS HATCH, SAMUEL SWETT FLETCHER, EDWARD DOW, MARTIN EGBERT YOUNG, ALBERT THWING and GEORGE RANDALL PIERCE.

The election of officers being held, the Convention was closed in Solemn Form.

The M. E. WILLIAM F. KNIGHT was elected Grand High Priest; R. E. GEORGE P. CLEAVES was re-elected Grand Secretary. M. E. ALBERT S. WAIT, Correspondent.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Concord, May 19th, 1896.

NEW YORK.

The Grand Chapter of New York held its ninety-eighth Annual Convocation in the city of Albany, February 5th, 1895,—the *M. E.* FREDERICK E. BARNES, Grand High Priest; *R. E.* CHRISTOPHER G. FOX, Grand Secretary. One hundred and eighty-two Chapters were represented. There were present ten Past Grand High Priests and the representatives of twenty-seven sister Grand Jurisdictions. California's representative was not present.

A fine portrait of Grand High Priest BARNES, on steel, adds to the beauty of this fine volume.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. He reminded the companions that they had, as an organization, nearly reached their one hundredth birthday, and welcomed all present to a participation in the labors of the present session. He reported the death roll of the year, which contained the names of well known companions who had for years joined hands with them around the sacred altar, but who, since the last Annual Convocation, had passed the white veil and entered the house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. He also added to the record the reported dead of sister jurisdictions, among whom was the eminent companion and Past General Grand High Priest, JOHN FRIZZELL of Tennessee, and paid an earnest and eloquent tribute to the characters and memories of the illustrious deceased companions.

The Grand High Priest made forty-seven official visitations, and writes in the highest terms of the condition of Chapters visited. He says:—

"I desire to call your attention to the great progress made by the Chapters. I return my most sincere and heartfelt thanks to them, hoping that the Supreme Architect will look down upon them and give them peace."

Among the decisions, we note the following:—

"On October 28th I received the following letter from Comp. SAMUEL WELLS, Secretary of *Home Chapter*, No. 176:—

"I desire to lay a matter before you for decision or advice which occurred at the last regular Convocation of our Chapter, held October 16, 1894. Our hour for meeting at this season of the year is 7 P. M. The High Priest not being present, the King opened the Chapter at about 7:30 P. M., and proceeded with the business of the Convocation. The ballot was spread for four candidates, one was elected and three rejected. The elected candidate presented himself, and the King proceeded with conferring the degree of Mark Master on him. After the candidate had received the first section of the degree and a portion of the second section, prior to the O. B. N., the High Priest arrived in the room and suspended the further conferring of the degree and ordered the candidate to be reconducted to the preparation room and closed on Mark Master and resumed on the Royal Arch degree, claiming that the proceedings up to the time of his arrival were illegal, on the ground that the Warrant of the Chapter was not present in the room, and, therefore, that there should be a new ballot for all the candidates."

The Grand High Priest affirmed the decision of the High Priest. Later, the Committee on Jurisprudence say of this ruling:—

"The only question, which to your committee seems to be involved in the case, is whether it is necessary to the validity of the Convocations held in the absence of the High Priest, that the warrant should be actually present in the Chapter-room.

"As long ago as in 1878, this Grand Chapter held that it was not necessary that the High Priest should actually have the warrant of the Chapter in the Chapter-room during a Convocation, and that it was sufficient if the warrant was in his custody. The Committee on Jurisprudence, composed at that time of Comps. JOHN L. LEWIS, JAMES M. AUSTIN, JOHN W. SIMONS, HORACE S. TAYLOR and

review of our doings is of the session of 1894—the administration of Grand High Priest CHARLES R. GRITMAN, who, at the time was resting under the shadow of the great beyond. He left us in a few weeks thereafter, and we have but the memory of his kind genial nature to console us for his loss. The Deputy who so ably discharged his duties in his absence, and was rewarded by his companions with his breast plate, as his successor in office—he, too, has passed from his labors on earth to eternal refreshment in the paradise of God.

“How beautiful it is for a man to die
Upon the walls of Zion! to be called
Like a watch worn and weary sentinel,
To put his armor off and rest in heaven.”

Comp. GARDNER tickles us with the following pleasant mention of our proceedings:—

“The admirably arranged and tastily executed volume of proceedings of this Grand Body, in its usual dress of white, scarlet and gold, lies before us. We enjoy its examination for three reasons—first, its typography is perfect; second, its nomenclature arrangement as to the membership within its jurisdiction is a desirable feature; and, third, its general appearance is so much like our own as arranged and presented by our own *R. E.* and *Super Ex.* Grand Secretary, that it brings to us a home feeling as we scan and peruse its pages. We hope Comp. CASWELL will be spared for many years to edit and send out these volumes on their annual pilgrimage.”

Comp. GARDNER is pleased to quote quite freely from our former report and give us his general endorsement, for which we return thanks.

We visited the scenes of our boyhood a few months since, and with Comp. REES G. WILLIAMS, inspected that noble monument to the Freemasons of New York, “The Masonic Home.” The location is unsurpassed, and the building, from basement to cope stone, worthy of the location. We were, perhaps, the most impressed with the completeness of this great establishment to supply the requirements of a real Home. The large cœnent bathing tubs in the basement, with an ample supply of water for the use of the inmates, the well ordered and thoroughly equipped school-rooms, the chapel, the bed-rooms, the libraries, the reception rooms and parlors, are all models of comfort and convenience. A most agreeable feature of the interior is the plates upon the doors of the various rooms, with this or a similar inscription: This room was furnished by *Jephth* Chapter, O. E. S., or by *St. John's* Lodge, No. —, F. A. M., or by Chapter, Council or Commandery. The site and building command a view of the Mohawk Valley for miles, both east and west; the farm of one hundred and seventy acres, upon which it is erected, is as productive as any lands in the valley, and in full view of the Home building can be seen the Farmers' House and barns—at the time we were there, the last of August—surrounded by a field of waving corn and the productions of the farm and garden.

We learn from the daily press that an addition is already planned and about to be erected, called the “Memorial Home for Children,” a building architecturally designed in keeping with the original Home, provided with accommodations for sixty young people, and will cost \$25,000, the money furnished by a fund created by the donations of EDWIN BOOTH, E. B. HARPER and other generous Masons. It will adjoin the main building on the west.

For the information of interested friends in California, we give the cost of this

Great charity —

Cost of real estate, 170 acres, not including \$80,000 donated by the citizens of Utica	\$ 20,750 00
Cost of dockage property, Erie Canal, 200x216 feet.....	1,000 00
Cost of competitive plans.....	2,500 00
Cost of Home building.....	157,471 59
Cost of new building and additions.....	5,826 61
Cost of sewer.....	13,104 89
Cost of water and gas mains and hydrants.....	1,816 69
Cost of teams, agricultural implements, etc.....	1,610 93
Cost of improvement of grounds, including grading landscape, gardening, repairs to cottage, etc., etc.....	14,847 52
Cost of bridge and road connecting with Rutger street.....	8,314 76
Cost of surveying, engineering, searching, insurance, etc.....	2,980 28
Cost of electric wiring	2,000 00
Cost of electric light and gas fixtures, plumbing and steam fitting	3,404 69
Cost of kitchen range and appurtenances.....	1,581 41
Cost of laundry plant.....	1,675 00
Cost of furniture	15,900 49
Total.....	\$254,864 86

The last report of the Trustees state cash on hand at \$202,221.01. Past Grand Master JESSE B. ANTHONY is Superintendent in charge.

In the history of the country—the pioneers of civilization—the successors of the “Six Nations” in Central New York, were as well pioneers in Freemasonry, and were prominent in the organization and introduction of Royal Arch Masonry in that, at this day, great Masonic Jurisdiction. To illustrate and make more plain this fact to our companions of California, we excerpt a most interesting extract from the address of our Representative near the Grand Chapter of New York, Hon. REES G. WILLIAMS, delivered at the Centennial of New Hartford, Oneida County, his subject being “The Early History of Freemasonry in Central New York:”

“But among the Masons who left enduring impress upon society, whose power was wide and influence abiding, was JEDEDIAH SANGER, the founder of New Hartford. He was born in Sherburne, Mass., on the 17th of February, 1751. (O. S.) He received the education common to boys at that period in New England, and subsequently became a merchant. In 1771 he was married to SARAH RIDER, and was the father of four children. She died in 1814. He married for his second wife, in 1815, SARAH B. KISSAM. She died in 1825. He married for his third wife, in 1827, FANNY DENCH, who survived him thirteen years.

“In 1782 he removed to Jaffrey, N. H., where he engaged in business. Two years later a fire destroyed his property; the loss left him a bankrupt. Having heard of the famous White’s Town country, he removed there, and in 1788 purchased one thousand acres of land on the Sauquoit creek. Under his quickening touch New Hartford became a thriving settlement in the midst of the forest, which had once been the home of the savage. With Gen. MYERS and others, he was a pioneer in the founding and growth of Hamilton Oneida Academy, now a College, with all those influences and benefactions which flow from the higher institutions of learning. It is the Glory of Masonry, then weak in its numbers, that the cornerstone of that institution was laid by Masonic hands, making 1794 a memorable year in the history of the College. He was closely identified with St. Stephen’s Church, New Hartford, which through the years has sent out its wholesome and enduring stimulus to the life of the community. He not only gave the land on which the church stands to-day, but he endowed it in his will with an annuity for the support of the clergyman to minister at its altar.

“He held many positions of public trust. He was elected the first Supervisor of the town of Whitestown. In 1794 and 1795 he was sole member of Assembly from Herkimer county. In 1796 he was elected Senator for four years. When Oneida county was organized, in 1798, he was appointed the first judge and remained in office until the year 1810, when he became disqualified by age.

“By an Act of the Legislature of the State, passed March 5, 1795, the town of Sangerfield was formed—named after Judge SANGER. In consideration of its being

named in his honor, he presented fifty acres of land to that religious body which should first erect a church edifice. The Congregational Society having first organized, but the Baptist having erected the first house of worship, the land was equally divided between them, both societies profiting by his generous gift. And in the Masonic Institution a Lodge was formed in Waterville bearing his name, to testify the esteem in which he was held by the Fraternity.

"His zeal and love for the Order brought him into wide prominence in the Councils of Royal Arch Masonry. He was a delegate from *Horeb* Chapter, New Hartford, to the city of Hartford, Conn., January 25, 1798, to assist in the formation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. His ardor led him to make these long journeys, and at that period of our history difficult, to promote the welfare of this branch of Freemasonry. The expenses necessary for this purpose were cheerfully and willingly met by himself, the increase of the Order being to him the reward he sought in all his trials and labors.

"At the formation of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, March 14, 1798, he was deemed worthy to be chosen to one of the highest offices of that august body, in connection with the celebrated DR WITT CLINTON. For many years he attended the Councils of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the city of Albany.

"His devotion to the institution of Masonry induced him to furnish a home in his own dwelling for Masons destitute of a Lodge, for their meetings in Masonic work. In the room, beautifully and amply furnished, he himself presided for seven years as Master of *Amicable* Lodge, No. 23. This small and humble beginning has been fruitful in the increase of Lodges of the Order. The grain sown in weakness has sprung up in golden harvest. Through conflict and opposition, through peril and difficulty, Lodge after Lodge sprang into existence; Masonry asserting its right to live by the truths it teaches and the grand brotherhood it unfolds.

"And the first Lodge that grew out of *Amicable* Lodge in New Hartford, was *Amicable* Lodge, No. 36, Herkimer, April 6, 1794. At intervals other Lodges followed:—

"August 14, 1795, *Otsago* Lodge, Cooperstown, Otsago county;

"November 4, 1796, *Aurora* Lodge, Fairfield, Herkimer county;

"December 29, 1796, *Steuben* Lodge, Steuben, Herkimer county;

"January 18, 1797, *Western Star* Lodge, Unadilla, Herkimer county;

"March 22, 1797, *Bath* Lodge, Bath, Steuben county;

"January 5, 1799, *United Brethren* Lodge, Cazenovia, Chenango county;

"January 7, 1799, *Tioga* Lodge, Union, Tioga county;

"January 9, 1799, *Village* Lodge, Marcellus, Onondaga county;

"February 13, 1799, *Roman* Lodge, Rome, Oneida county;

"November 23, 1799, *Federal* Lodge, Paris, (located at Clinton), Oneida county.

"Upon all these Bodies Judge SANGER impressed the principles of Freemasonry so strongly, that though their members have passed away, their successors feel and are moved by them until this hour. He was so imbued with the spirit of Masonry and of the Gospel, owe no man anything, that debts incurred, through no fault of his were religiously paid; and he stands as a monument of Masonic integrity and those charities which are the glory of the Order. When he died a true man passed away, but the impetus he gave to the life, the energies, the enterprises of his time has not passed away. For public spirit, liberality, high-mindedness, inspiration for progress and the welfare of the race never die.

"Judge SANGER died June 6, 1829, and was buried in New Hartford.* As a grateful remembrance of his character and virtues a mural tablet has been placed in the church he loved, and for the welfare of which he so earnestly labored.

"Apart from those already mentioned, there were others who left an abiding impress on their time and our time. Men whose spirits were tempered by the War of Independence, and virtues strengthened by the trials and conflicts through which they passed. In the brief and passing notice I mention Colonel WILLIAM COLBREATH. He held the office of Sheriff of Herkimer county in 1791 and 1796. At the organization of Oneida county in 1798 he was chosen Sheriff, and was the first officer who ever served process on what was known as the Military Tract. Though he had served in the War of the Revolution, his title was acquired after the war in the service of the State. In social life he was full of humor and took

* September 23, 1879, JEDEDIAH SANGER's remains were removed from the village cemetery at New Hartford, and finally "at rest" in the Utica Forest Hill Cemetery. In the family plot were also buried FANNY DENCH and SARAH B., wives, and WALTER and SARAH SANGER, children.

great delight in scenes of mirth. His manners grew out more from a mind naturally strong, rather than from one educated in the schools or the courtesies of life in society.

"EVANS WHARRY occupied a prominent position in the early history of Herkimer county. He served in the American army under General MONTGOMERY at the assault of Quebec, but most of his service was under the command of General SCHUYLER. In 1798 he was appointed a Judge of the Common Pleas, and continued to serve in that office until he was retired by constitutional limit. He had personal relations with WASHINGTON, HAMILTON, CLINTON, and other great leaders in the struggle for American Independence. His death occurred in 1831 at the ripe age of eighty-two years.

"JONAS PLATT settled in Whitesboro. He was the first County Clerk of Herkimer county, in 1791, and of Oneida when it was organized into a county, in 1798. He was a member of the Assembly in 1796, and of Congress of the United States in 1801. He was a State Senator for several years. In 1814 he was appointed Judge of the Supreme Court of the State. He was a candidate for Governor but was defeated by DANIEL D. TOMPKINS, who afterwards became Vice-President of the United States.

"DAVID OSTROM, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, was the first Supervisor of the town of Paris. For several years he served as a member of the Legislature, and was County Judge from 1798 until 1816.

"General GEORGE DOOLITTLE was a soldier in the army of the Revolution. For many years he was a member of the Legislature of the State, and was the first Brigadier-General commissioned in the county of Oneida.

"ELIZUR MOSELY, M. D., was Postmaster at Whitesboro for several years. When he gave up the office he was known as the oldest postmaster in the United States. In 1798 he was Assistant Justice of the County Court. In 1799 he was Sheriff of Oneida county.

"THOMAS R. GOLD was born in Connecticut and educated at Yale College. He was eminent as a lawyer, standing at the head of his profession in Central New York. In 1796 he was a member of the State Senate, and of the Assembly in 1808. He was a Representative in Congress from this district in 1804 and in 1810-12. In conjunction with General GEORGE DOOLITTLE, he set up the first cotton factory at New York Mills in the year 1808.

"It may be fitting here to mention among other Masons, whose influence remains in this portion of our State, the names of GEORGE WASHINGTON, first President of the United States, and GEORGE CLINTON, Governor of New York. They were owners of valuable land in Oneida county. The name of the Governor is perpetuated in this connection by the village of Clinton. Even then and later the land of our county was more valuable than that of WASHINGTON's dearly loved Mount Vernon. This is witnessed to by the fact that it has been sold, and still is sold at a higher price than the land in Virginia once owned by the Father of his Country.

"The name of CLINTON suggests a fact pregnant with meaning in the history of Masonry. The small beginning at the close of the last century, has spread into wider and more splendid issues. The few Chapters of Royal Arch Masonry have increased into many until the Grand Body of Royal Arch Masons in the State of New York, stands to-day in intelligence and power, an influence such as no man can estimate. And it has been a force to stimulate the Order in other States of the Union, until the group of Grand Chapters, like stars in a planetary system, merges in and forms a still more magnificent system in the General Grand Chapter of the United States. The germ cast into the ground with weakness and tears, has sprung up and covers the land; rich in its growth of good deeds, of nobler charities, and those principles which exalt and ennoble human nature.

"It is a fact significant in its meaning, that while the forest has become a fruitful field, and the land once the home of the Indian is now the foundation of towns and cities, Masonry has advanced and become a part in their activities and life. While times may change and villages rise into towns, the homes of teeming populations, Masonry remains unchanged in its principles, old as the revelation of truth, yet ever new and fresh and inspiring to the thoughts, enterprises and achievements of man. And while our cherished Utica, and the towns that all around mark American civilization shall stand, Masonry shall exist, a beauty and a power. It has so wrought itself into our social and national life that the corner-stones of our temples for learning, for justice, for public use, are laid by Masonic hands; Masonry perpetuating itself in all the great interests which occupy man, and which broaden and deepen, and give abiding strength to human institutions."

In the selection of officers for the ensuing year the Grand Chapter re-elected Comp. FREDERICK E. BARNES to the office of Grand High Priest. In response to the official notification of his election, the Grand High Priest predicted for the Grand Chapter great prosperity in the near future and assured the companions of his high appreciation of the distinguished honor conferred upon him by the Grand Chapter of New York. Nevertheless it seemed his duty, in consideration of other pressing duties, to decline the honor of a re-election.

The M. E. MARION I. GREENWOOD was elected Grand High Priest; the R. E. CHRISTOPHER G. FOX was re-elected Grand Secretary; Comp. GEORGE J. GARDNER, Syracuse, Chairman of Correspondence.

The next Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New York will be held on the first Tuesday of February, 1896.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Grand Chapter of North Carolina held its forty-seventh Annual Convocation in the city of Durham, May 16th, 1895,—the M. E. HENRY I. CLARK, Grand High Priest; R. E. HORACE H. MUNSON, Grand Secretary. Eighteen Chapters were represented. There were present two Past Grand High Priests and the representatives of sixteen sister Grand Jurisdictions. California's representative was not present.

The Grand Chapter of North Carolina bears upon its roll the names of twenty-four Chapters, with a membership of seven hundred and sixty-five Royal Arch Masons.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest extended a cordial greeting to the assembled companions, and in the name of the Grand Chapter expressed their gratitude to the Great I Am for his guidance and protection. He says:—

"The grim monster, with his icy breath, has invaded our own jurisdiction, and the sombre emblems of Masonry have spoken too plainly of his visitations."

He expressed the sympathy of the Grand Chapter for those who mourn the loss of dear companions of their own kindred and brethren; and also sister jurisdictions who are mourning the loss of so many eminent companions.

The Grand High Priest expresses the courage of his convictions in the following:—

"Although not an advocate of railroading in Masonry, yet when dispensations have been asked for to act without the usual delay, and it was clearly shown that the interest of the Craft was at stake, I have not hesitated to grant them, knowing full well that I was tempting fate by thus trusting myself to the tender mercies of the watchful critic."

Comp. JOHN C. CHASE moved, and it was—

"Resolved, That a committee of three companions, who are not Knights Templar, be appointed to consider the desirability of not holding the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter in conjunction with the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar, said committee to report at the next Annual Convocation."

The Committee on Jurisprudence affirmed the decisions of the Grand High Priest.

Subsequent to the close of the Grand Chapter, the members were invited by Comp. SOUTHGATE to approach the Westgate and receive their wages, and the Grand Secretary gives the result in the following note:—

And in response to Comp. EBCANBRACK of Iowa, "that a stranger might travel far in the old North State before finding a brother to whom he might present his mark," in request of a favor, he says:—

"We don't need the proffered mark companion; our latch string hangs on the outside of the door and welcome greets one on entering. By the way, have you ever known one to offer his craving assistance? In your large jurisdiction with thousands on your roll, we venture the prediction that not one in one thousand ever presented his mark for such purpose. In his review for 1894, he says 'North Carolina is a goodly State, an on-coming State.' We rejoice that something good can be seen in this Nazareth. Yes, companion, if you come hither we will give you health, ease, comforts and even let you have a little tar to put on your heels, and when this is done you will love us long and love us ever."

The M. E. WALTER E. STONE was elected Grand High Priest; R. E. HORACE H. MUNSON was re-elected Grand Secretary; Past High Priest JAMES SOUTHWATE, Correspondent.

NORTH DAKOTA.

The Grand Chapter of North Dakota held its sixth Annual Convocation in the city of Fargo, June 14th, 1895,—the M. E. SYLVESTER J. HILL, Grand High Priest; R. E. FRANK J. THOMPSON, Grand Secretary. Eleven chartered Chapters and two U. D. were represented.

There were present three Past Grand High Priests and the representatives of eighteen sister Grand Jurisdictions.

Fine portraits of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary are published with this volume.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

After extending a generous welcome to the companions who had assembled to join in the labors of the session, the Grand High Priest referred to the visits of the grim messenger since their last annual assembly. Three well known companions had been called from their labors to join those who have gone before, although no past or present member of the Grand Chapter had been summoned; but while their own kindred and brethren had been spared, the heavy hand had fallen with crushing weight upon many sister jurisdictions. The Grand High Priest reported the death roll, upon which were inscribed the names of many eminent companions of National and State reputation. Peace to their memories.

The Grand High Priest reported his appointment of committees.

An appropriation of \$5 was made for membership in the Masonic Collectors' Association, and an annual appropriation of \$1 in the future for the purposes of the Association.

A seal was ordered for the Grand High Priest.

A Special Convention of the High Priests of North Dakota was held January 4th, 1895, for the transaction of business—M. E. SYLVESTER J. HILL, President; M. E. GEORGE J. PHELPS, Recorder.

Comp. JOHN C. NOBLE, of Helena Chapter, No. 2, Montana, a Past High Priest of that Chapter, being duly qualified, was received, anointed and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

The third Annual Convention was held at Fargo, June 13th, 1895,—the M. E. SYLVESTER J. HILL, President; E. GEORGE H. PHELPS, Recorder.

Twelve companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, and otherwise qualified, were received, anointed and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

A communication from the committee appointed at a meeting of the representatives of the various State Bodies of the Order of High Priesthood, held at Topeka, Kansas, was read announcing the preparation of a new and uniform ritual of the Order, and the Recorder was instructed to procure a copy of such ritual, together with as many copies of the Bible, suitably inscribed and designed for presentation to the members of this Order, as funds available for that purpose, which were to be delivered to members in the order of their seniority of membership in this Order.

By resolution it was decided that the next annual meeting of this Convention should be held at the city of Fargo during the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of North Dakota, in June, 1896.

No further business appearing, the Convention was closed in Due Form.

The M. : E. : THEO. F. BRANCH was elected Grand High Priest; R. : E. : FRANK J. THOMPSON, Grand Secretary.

The next Convocation will be held at Fargo, June 11th, 1896.

No Report on Correspondence.

OHIO.

The Grand Chapter of Ohio held its seventy-ninth Annual Convocation in the city of Cleveland, September 11th, 1895,—the M. : E. : GIBSON H. ROBINSON, Grand High Priest; E. : Comp. CHARLES C. KIEFER, Grand Secretary. One hundred and forty-one of the one hundred and forty-six enrolled Chapters were represented. There were present nine Past Grand High Priests and the representatives of thirty-one sister Grand Jurisdictions. California's proxy neither present or "accounted for."

The one hundred and forty-six Chapters have a membership of 13,764 Royal Arch Masons.

Fine portraits of the Grand High Priest ROBINSON and Past Grand High Priest S. STACKER WILLIAMS grace this fine volume—the Grand High Priest to introduce the reader to the opening page and Comp. WILLIAMS to guard his Report on Correspondence.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Due Form.

The M. : E. : Grand High Priest then introduced his Honor, Mayor McKISSON, of the city of Cleveland, who in a very felicitous manner extended the hospitality of the city of Cleveland to the representatives of the Grand Chapter, and paid a very high compliment to the Grand High Priest and his associate Grand Officers for the handsome manner in which the opening ceremonies were rendered.

Comp. BRENTON D. BABCOCK was also introduced, and on behalf of the Masons of Cleveland extended a cordial welcome to the members of the Grand Chapter.

The occurrence was a rare one to have *all* the presiding officers of *all* the Masonic Grand Bodies of Ohio present in the Grand Chapter, and the Grand High Priest continued the ceremony of introducing distinguished brethren by presenting Most Worshipful Bro. CARROLL F. CLAPP, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, who in his usual happy manner addressed the Grand Chapter.

Sir JOHN A. WARNER, Grand Commander of Knights Templars, was next introduced, and expressed thanks for the honor of being presented to the Grand Chapter.

That prince among Ohio Masons, Hon. REUBEN C. LEMMON, Past Grand High Priest of Ohio, and present Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, was introduced, and in a neat address congratulated the members of the Grand Chapter on the peace and harmony existing between the different Orders of Masonry in Ohio.

Comp. JOHN S. WHITE, M. E. Ill. Grand Master of Royal and Select Masons, was also presented to the Grand Chapter and acknowledged the courtesy.

The Grand High Priest expressed peculiar pleasure in having the honor of introducing the oldest living Past Grand High Priest, HARVEY VINAL, a companion who has reached the great age of *eighty-eight* years and is yet in the full vigor of all his faculties.

There being a constitutional number of Chapters represented, the M. E. Grand High Priest, after devotional exercises by the Grand Chaplain, declared the Grand Chapter opened in Ample Form. After naming the committees, he proceeded to deliver his Annual Address. He greeted the assembled companions with words of good cheer, congratulating them upon the prosperity and progress of Capitular Masonry in Ohio. Continuing, he said :—

“While we are extending congratulations and grasping hands in warmest welcome, while joy reigns in every heart and smiles and loving words betoken happiness and content, let us not forget that during the past year many of those companions with whom we have associated in daily life, many of those whom we have met in fraternal Convocation, companions “good and true,” co-laborers in the Masonic vineyard, whose devotion and interest in Capitular Masonry have built it up and made it what it is, have passed ‘within the veil.’ The Grand Secretary’s report shows the lamentable fact that during the past year over two hundred of our companions have passed over the ‘rough and rugged road’ of this existence. May memories of them linger with us, and may they enjoy in the presence of the great ‘I Am,’ in their eternal home, an everlasting peace.

“How fast they fall—those we have known—
As leaves from autumn branches blown,
So quickly sear;
Yes, one by one they drop away,
As withered leaves they fall and stray,
And disappear.”

In reading the names entered upon the death roll of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, among the two hundred and five there registered, we are attracted by the following :—

“On Sunday, March 10, 1895, there died in Gallipolis, Ohio, Comp. JOSEPH DROUILLARD, a member of *Gallipolis* Chapter, No. 79, in the 99th year of his age. Comp. DROUILLARD was made a Master Mason in *Morning Dawn* Lodge, No. 7, of Gallipolis, Ohio, in the year 1817, and exalted in *Gallipolis* Chapter, No. 79, September 8, 1858. He took part in the War of 1812, and was, as far as known, the last soldier of that war in the State of Ohio. He filled several Masonic offices with fidelity, and many of public trust during his long, honorable and useful life. He passed into his eternal rest leaving behind him a name blessed with the love and esteem of all who knew him.”

Of the dead of sister Grand Chapters, the Grand High Priest says :—

“To our sister Grand Chapters who have during the past year been called upon to mourn the loss of many distinguished companions, earnest, faithful workers, who have labored long and well in building up the Temple of Capitular Masonry, who, having been called from their earthly labors, now rest in peace within the ‘heavenly temple’—we extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy.”

The Grand High Priest was called upon for many decisions, all of which are local in their character and decided by reference to the local law.

In 1891, the Grand Chapter of Ohio, by nearly a unanimous vote, resolved to assess the subordinates, by a per capita tax, for the creation and support of a Masonic Home. Two Chapters demurred to the payment of the tax, and, accordingly, at the session one year ago, the Grand Chapter

management and work. Sometimes alone and sometimes followed or preceded by the degree of Knight Templar, it was carried along and worked within the bosom of the Lodge. In fact, for a long time this was the case with almost everything which was claimed to be a Masonic degree. The general custom was, after the ordinary work or business of the Lodge, for brethren in possession of the degree to be conferred to remain, when a sort of body within a body would be formed and the degree conferred. Sometimes it would be the Royal Arch degree alone, and sometimes the Knight Templar degree as well. This custom prevailed to such an extent as to alarm the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and among other reasons to comply with the 'Secret Societies Act' of Parliament, passed in 1799, she soon after the passage of the Act resolved to 'prohibit and discharge all Lodges having charters from the Grand Lodge from holding any other meetings than those of the three great Orders of Masonry, of APPRENTICE, FELLOW CRAFT and MASTER MASON, being the Ancient Order of St. John.' To put a stop to the practice which had become so deep rooted required strenuous efforts on the part of the Grand Lodge; and to secure obedience on the part of Lodges to the order of the Grand Lodge to discontinue conferring of the Royal Arch and Templar degrees, it was deemed necessary for the Grand Lodge, in October, 1800, to issue a circular 'prohibiting and discharging its daughters to hold any meetings above the degree of Master Mason.' Four years later the form of an oath was furnished to the Lodges by the Grand Secretary, with orders to require 'visiting strangers' to subscribe to it in the presence of two or more office-bearers, who were also required to 'subscribe along with him as witnesses.'

"More or less confusion continued until the organization of Chapters and Encampments for the control of these degrees.

"On the authority of M. E. M. MCB. THOMSON of Ayr, Scotland, the last presiding officer of the late Early Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, we give the statement that soon after 1800, charters were granted by the Early Grand Encampment of High Knights Templar of IRELAND, under which the Arch, as well as all other high grades, were wrought until 1812, when one ALEXANDER DEUCHAR, Eminent Commander of Edinburgh Early Grand Encampment, No. 31, seceded and formed a new body, which he styled a Royal Grand Conclave, under which, as under the Early Grand, the Arch continued to be wrought. From his further statement, we quote:—

"Five years later, however, steps were taken by influential brethren of Edinburgh and the vicinity to form a separate Grand Body for the Royal Arch, and in consequence circulars were issued to the various Lodges and Encampments working the Royal Arch, inviting them to be present at a meeting to be held in Edinburgh and assist in forming such a body. This circular was issued by authority of the same ALEXANDER DEUCHAR, who had previously seceded from the Early Grand. Notwithstanding the organization of the new * Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, many of the old Deuchar Encampments continued to work the Arch degree until 1830, when Deuchar's Grand Conclave ceased to exist. After that time there were but two bodies working Royal Arch Masonry in Scotland—the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter and the Early Grand Royal Arch Chapter, which, up to 1889, existed agreeable to ancient customs in the bosom of the Grand Encampment of the Temple and Malta.

"The next step on the part of the Early Grand Chapter was its severance from the Grand Encampment. Strange as it may appear to American companions, it retained and conferred during the balance of its existence the following degrees, viz.: Funeral Master, Fellow Craft Mark (modern Mark Master), Masters Mark, Architect, Grand Architect, Master of the Blue, Past Master, Royal Ark Mariner, Fugitive Mark, Link and Chain, Jacob's Wrestle, Scarlet Cord, Brotherly Love, Royal Master, Select Master, Most Excellent Master, Excellent Mason, Super-Excellent Mason, Holy Royal Arch, and the installed degrees of Noah, J. H. and Z. The minimum fee for all is £1. 1s.

"After its formal severance from the Grand Encampment, overtures were made for union between it and the Supreme Grand Chapter, and committees were mutually appointed.

"For an account of the steps taken by the two contending Bodies which resulted in the union, the reader is referred to our reviews of the proceedings of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland.

* The present Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter to which the Early Grand has lately been united.

"From the proceedings of a Quarterly Communication of the Supreme Grand Chapter held on March 6, 1895, we learn that the Supreme Grand Chapter, having considered the committee's report re union of the Early Grand Chapter with itself, together with extracts from the minutes of the Early Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, subsequently received, referring to the complete severance of the Royal Arch and Temple degrees under the Early Grand Constitution; also communications from Comp. Major SPENCE, Grand Master of the Early Grand Encampment, K. T., and from Chapter St. Paul Ayr, No. 18, it was resolved that union be approved on conditions previously laid down.

"Arrangements were made for the final consummation of this very desirable object.

"From *The Scottish Freemason* of June, 1895, we learn that meetings of the two Grand Chapters were held in Glasgow on May 11th, called for the purpose of consummating the union. The Early Grand Chapter convened in St. John's Hall at 3 p. m., M. E. Comp. M. MCB. THOMPSON, Grand Z., in the chair, supported by W. DALGLISH, Grand J., and A. CAMERON, acting Grand H. The Grand Z. stated that the business of the meeting would be simply to carry out the resolution of the last Grand Chapter meeting anent the dissolution of that Grand Chapter and uniting with the Supreme Grand Chapter. The calling of the roll by the Grand Scribe E. disclosed the fact that there were represented the following named active Chapters, viz.: *Moirs Union, Kilmarnock*, No. 2; *Ayr*, No. 3; *Glasgow*, No. 4; *Newmilns*, No. 6; *Stewarton*, No. 7; *Hurlford*, No. 17; *Sorn*, No. 18; *Irvine*, No. 19; *Govan*, No. 20, and *Parkhead St. John*, No. 21. On a motion made by the Grand Z. and seconded by the Grand H., it was decided that the Early Grand Chapter of Scotland resign all right or title it had or claimed to have over Royal Arch Freemasonry in favor of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, the vote in favor thereof being unanimous. After a hearty vote of thanks by acclamation to the M. E. Grand Z., M. MCB. THOMPSON, for the many services he had rendered and for his arduous labors in the interests of the Early Grand Chapter, he declared '*the Early Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland dissolved and closed forever.*'

"The companions who composed the late Early Grand Chapter then proceeded to St. Mark's Hall, where the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland was in special session, presided over by M. E. Major F. W. ALLAN, Deputy Grand Z. They were introduced to the Supreme Grand Chapter by the Grand Scribe E., Comp. R. S. BROWN, and received with full honors. Then in order of precedence each took the oath of fealty to the Supreme Grand Chapter.

"We note with pleasure a remark made by the acting Grand Z., Comp. F. W. ALLAN, in which he said that he considered the event unique in the history of Royal Arch Masonry, in that or any other country; it was the consummation of the happy union of two Bodies which had hitherto claimed jurisdiction over Royal Arch Freemasonry in that country. Now, he was happy to say, they had a *united Supreme Grand* governing authority for Royal Arch Masonry in Scotland united in the diffusion of light and knowledge, and in cultivating Masonic charity, the great object of our institution.

"Congratulatory remarks were also made by Comp. M. MCB. THOMPSON, Grand Z. of the late Early Grand Chapter, upon the consummation of the long-desired union. In this connection, we are happy to say that the proceedings and a number of private letters received by us from this distinguished companion bear testimony to the fact that the success of the union movement owes much to his well directed and persistent efforts.

"After the close of the Supreme Grand Chapter came the banquet, the speeches at which indicating that joy was unbounded. The Supreme Grand Chapter was toasted by Comp. THOMPSON, Grand Z. of the Early Grand Chapter. The Chapters which came from that Body were given by Comp. MCN. CAMPBELL, an officer of the Supreme Grand Chapter. He claimed for his Grand Chapter the proud distinction of bringing forth ten children at one birth. High compliments were also paid to Comp. R. S. BROWN, Grand Scribe E., and to the presiding officer of the occasion, Comp. F. W. ALLAN.

"May harmony ever prevail and the union never be disturbed."

His review of our proceedings is of the administration of our lamented Comp. CRAWFORD. Referring to the decision of the Grand High Priest upon the power of a Past High Priest to open a Chapter and transact business in the absence of

the Council officers, Comp. WILLIAMS quotes the answer of Grand High Priest CRAWFORD:—

"The Constitution of the Grand Chapter confers no power upon a Past High Priest to open a Chapter in such case, nor does it in '*direct terms prohibit it*;' but General Regulation No. 10 makes the '*Constitution of the Grand Lodge*' in all essential respects, where there is no conflict between it and the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, '*the rules and regulations*' by which the action of the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction '*shall be governed*.' The Grand Lodge has repeatedly decided that a Past Master cannot, in the absence of the Master and Wardens, open the Lodge."

He further says: "The Grand Chapter has directly passed upon the same question."

Comp. WILLIAMS says:—

"Here were two authorities under which we should have made the decision which he finally made. Whether he was desirous of finding authority for a different decision we will not hazard an opinion; but he proceeded as follows:—

"There would be no doubt as to the irregularity of the proceedings but for the last clause of Sec. 42 of Art. III of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, which reads as follows:—

"In the absence of all these officers (H. P., K. and S.) from a stated Convocation or a special Convocation legally called, the Junior Past High Priest present may open the Chapter and preside."

"From which it will be seen that power is conferred upon a Past High Priest to open the Chapter and preside therein. While the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter is *supreme law*, and is binding upon *all Grand Chapters* owing allegiance to it, yet this provision does not seem *obligatory*, but may be exercised when a *Grand Chapter* so directs. The General Grand Chapter and several Grand Chapters have adopted this provision, but our Chapter has not. Even admitting that provision to be binding upon all Grand Chapters, it is expressly limited to the Junior Past High Priest present. In the present case, the Junior Past High Priest present declined to open the Chapter and preside. No other Past High Priest possessed the right to open the Chapter."

Comp. WILLIAMS comments as follows:—

"He decided that *therefore* the proceedings in question were irregular, illegal and void, and directed the High Priest to proceed *de novo*. He learned afterwards that the opinion prevails in Nebraska that said provision of the General Grand Chapter is for the government of its immediate subordinates. Permission to do a thing or enact a rule is one thing, a requirement to do it is quite another. The General Grand Chapter *permits* the use of substitutes; the Grand Chapter of California does so *only by dispensation*.

"That he visited nineteen Chapters is evidence of zeal and activity on his part, and constitutes an example worthy of the imitation of such Grand High Priests as can find time to make few or no visits.

"A well known chronic disturber of Masonic peace is plying his vocation in California, as will be seen by the following, which we quote from the Address of the Grand High Priest."

Comp. WILLIAMS refers to one GRANVILLE A. FRAMBES, whose reputation is established in Ohio as a chronic disturber of the Masonic peace, and he quotes in full the report of our Committee on Jurisprudence and the action of the Grand Chapter thereon.

He has the following kind words for our report, with a "punch" for Comp. TINNIN:—

"The Report on Correspondence, consisting of one hundred pages—the body of which is in too fine a type and the quotations worse yet—and showing up the transgressions of forty-eight Grand Chapters, was from the lively pen of Past Grand High Priest WILLIAM A. DAVIES. He devotes six pages to a fraternal review of our proceedings for 1894.

"He quoted from our proceedings the transactions of the meetings of Councils of High Priests which took place in Topeka in August last.

"We have been reporting the absence from the Grand Chapter of our California representative, M. E. Comp. WILEY J. TINNIN, to which Comp. DAVIES says:—

"We answer for Comp. TINNIN, Comp. WILLIAMS, and assert that he is never absent *except for cause*—it may be a wedding or a christening—but nothing in the usual course of events keeps him from Masonic duties."

"We will not dispute the word of Comp. DAVIES, but cannot but notice that either weddings or christenings have occurred in Comp. TINNIN's neighborhood at the exact time of the meeting of his Grand Chapter for at least *five years*. Can he not get the dates changed hereafter."

The M. E. Comp. JACOB H. BEONWELL was elected Grand High Priest; E. E. Comp. CHARLES C. KIEFER was re-elected Grand Secretary. Chairman of Correspondence: S. STACKER WILLIAMS, P. G. H. P., Newark.

The next Annual Communication will be held at Sandusky city, October 7th, 1896.

OREGON.

The Grand Chapter of Oregon held its thirty-fifth Annual Convocation in the city of Portland, June 10th, 1895,—the M. E. WILLIAM C. CRAWFORD, Grand High Priest; E. E. JAMES F. ROBINSON, Grand Secretary. Twenty-three Chapters were represented. There were present five Past Grand High Priests and the representatives of twenty-three sister Grand Jurisdictions. The representative of California was not present.

Oregon numbers on its roll twenty-five constituent Chapters, with a membership of 1,238 Royal Arch Masons.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

After announcing the standing committees, the Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. After an acknowledgment of the protection and support of Divine Providence, he extended a cordial and fraternal welcome to his companions who had come up to aid and assist in enacting such legislation as should redound to the honor and reputation of the Grand Chapter of Oregon.

He first referred to the invasion of their jurisdiction by the unwelcome messenger death, who, in his mysterious ways, transferred the spirits of dear companions from the tenements of mortality to that glorious and immortal rest which knows no sorrowing. He paid an earnest tribute to the memory of the veteran STEPHEN FOWLER CHADWICK, Past Grand King, and reported the orders which were published at the time of his death.

The death of sister jurisdictions were also reported and the fraternal sympathy of the Royal Arch Masons of Oregon tendered the afflicted Grand Chapters in their loss of their eminent sons, supporters and counsellors.

We note no decisions reported of other than local importance.

The Grand High Priest recommends that hereafter all candidates before advancement, shall be examined as to their proficiency in the preceding degree by a special committee.

The Grand Chapter having been advised of the death of WILLIAM B. ISAACS, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Virginia and Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States,

"*Resolved*, That it is with profound sadness we contemplate the death of one so eminent in Masonic Councils, known and esteemed by his brethren and companions throughout the Masonic world."

The receipts for the year were \$898.00; the disbursements for the year were \$930.05; assets, balance on hand, \$2,374.33.

After consideration of the recommendation of the Grand High Priest, the Grand Chapter

"Resolved, That hereafter candidates in passing through the Chapter, shall be examined as to their proficiency in the M. M. degree by a special committee of three, and as to their further proficiency by examination in the open Lodge to which they have attained, before receiving the following degree."

On motion of Past Grand High Priest Comp. DAVID P. MASON, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:—

"WHEREAS, Comp. J. M. HODSON, our Grand High Priest elect, has served as Chairman of our Committee on Correspondence for several years, to the entire satisfaction of this Grand Chapter; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That he be requested to continue as Chairman and prepare the report for the ensuing year."

We congratulate the Grand Chapter of Oregon.

The Grand Council of High Priesthood of Oregon met in Annual Convention in the city of Portland July 10th, 1895,—the M. E. J. M. HODSON, President; E. JAMES F. ROBINSON, Recorder.

The Council was opened in Ample Form.

Eight companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters and otherwise qualified, were received, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

After the election of officers for the ensuing year, the officers-elect assumed their stations, and the Convention closed in Solemn Form.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by Comp. J. M. HODSON, present Grand High Priest. It is a comprehensive and pleasant review of forty-eight Grand Royal Arch Bodies, being all the American Grand Chapters except Nevada, and he also adds the General Grand Chapter. And although he finds no new subject agitating the Capitular Bodies in his examination of their doings, he does certify to the universal harmony existing in the courts of the tabernacle, and the only contention to be that of striving for a more perfect understanding of what the laws and usages should be, to the end that the honor and reputation of the Royal Craft be firmly established and the world at large convinced of its good effects.

In reply to Comp. PILLANS of Alabama, who doubts the propriety of our laws relating to dependent membership, Comp. HODSON says:—

"He doubts the propriety of California laws touching membership; thinks them not founded in justice; so far it has worked well, and we note that the jurisdictions having the most carefully arranged systems, requiring complete membership to permit the enjoyment of the higher degrees, are troubled the least with the non-affiliate nuisance."

His review of California is for the term of our lamented Comp. CHARLES R. GRITMAN, Grand High Priest in 1894.

Comp. HODSON quotes, with his approval, the resolution offered by Comp. B. F. TUTTLE, pertaining to the Order of High Priesthood. He also endorses our views in regard to the necessity of a re-installation following a re-election to office, and he believes in the abolition of the affiliation fee as the most efficient aid in curing the non-affiliation evil.

Comp. HODSON mentions the coincidence in the names of our Grand High Priests for the last year—Oregon having for its chief ruler WILLIAM C. CRAWFORD,

while California had chosen ELLISON L. CRAWFORD for the same honorable station. We hope the coincidence goes no further. Our beloved companion and Grand High Priest served us faithfully in his exalted office, performing all his duties with honor to himself and entire satisfaction to the Grand Chapter. He installed his successor and retired to his home in the mountains of California, we thought in his usual health, and we were, therefore, not prepared for the dispatch which we received in a few weeks thereafter, "ELLISON L. CRAWFORD is dead." Even at this date it seems hard to realize that we shall not meet again around the altar of the Grand Chapter of California.

"I have friends in spirit land —
Not shadows in a shadowy band,
Not others but themselves are they,
And still I think of them the same
As when the Master's summons came."

The M. : E. : J. M. HODSON was elected Grand High Priest ; R. : E. : JAMES F. ROBINSON was re-elected Grand Secretary ; Correspondent, M. : E. : J. M. HODSON, Portland.

The next annual Convocation will be held at Portland on the second Wednesday of June, 1896.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania held a Quarterly Convocation at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, March 3d, 1894,—the M. : E. : EDGAR A. TENNIS, Grand High Priest ; E. : CHARLES CARY, Grand Secretary.

Handsome portraits of the Grand Council Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary ornament the title page of this volume.

Forty-seven constituent Chapters were represented, and there were present three Past Grand High Priests and thirteen District Deputies.

The Finance Committee reported upon the defalcation of the former Grand Secretary, CHARLES E. MEYER, and closed their report by offering the following preamble and resolution :—

"WHEREAS, Comp. CHARLES E. MEYER, while acting as Grand Secretary of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, has been found to have appropriated the sum of at least \$5,424.19 of the money of this Grand Body; therefore

"Resolved, That Comp. CHARLES E. MEYER be and he is hereby expelled from membership in this Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter."

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the degree of Mark Master ; after which the Grand Chapter was "called on" and closed.

A second Quarterly was held June 7th, with same representation of constituent Chapters and five Past Grand High Priests. The representatives of twenty-three sister Grand Jurisdictions were also present.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

The Finance Committee reported upon the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

The Committee on Correspondence, to whom had been referred communications from the Grand Chapter of New South Wales asking recognition, reported, and closed their report with the following resolution, of which they asked the adoption :

“Resolved, That until the Supreme Grand Chapter of New South Wales obtains the allegiance of all the Chapters in its territory, and is ‘Supreme’ in fact as well as in name in said territory, it cannot receive the recognition of this Grand Chapter.”

The resolution was adopted.

After transacting routine business, the Grand Chapter was “called off” for the purpose of exemplifying the Most Excellent Master degree; which having been done, Grand Chapter was “called on” and closed.

A third Quarterly was held September 6th, 1894, with same official attendance, and forty-one constituent Chapters were represented.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

The Finance Committee reported that they had discovered additional appropriations of funds by Comp. CHARLES E. MEYER, which made his misappropriation amount to \$6,411.54.

A memorial address in honor of Past Grand High Priest JEREMIAH LALOR HUTCHINSON was then presented by Past Grand High Priest GEO. W. KENDRICK, Jr., and unanimously adopted.

The Grand Chapter was then “called off” for the purpose of exemplifying the Royal Arch degree; which being done, the Grand Chapter was “called on” and closed.

A fourth Quarterly was held at Masonic Temple, December 6th, 1894, with same official attendance; eighty-eight constituent Chapters were represented, and the Grand Representatives of twenty-seven sister Grand Jurisdictions were present.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

The Finance Committee presented the following estimates of receipts and expenditures for the year 1895: Receipts from all sources, \$8,910.77; expenditures, \$8,515.00.

This being the time fixed by the Constitution for the annual election of Grand Officers, tellers were appointed, and the following were duly elected for the ensuing Masonic year, commencing on next St. John's Day:—

- M. . E. . EZRA S. BARTLETT, Grand High Priest;
- “ RICHARD M. JOHNSON, Grand King;
- “ MICHAEL W. JACOBS, Grand Scribe;
- “ THOMAS R. PATTON, Grand Treasurer;
- “ CHARLES CARY, Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest called attention to the fact that the one hundredth anniversary of the formation of this Grand Chapter would occur November 23d, 1895, whereupon Comp. WM. J. KELLY moved, and the Grand Chapter

“Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider the advisability of celebrating the said One Hundredth Anniversary, and to report at the Annual Communication on St. John's Day next.”

Grand Chapter closed in peace.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The Annual Convocation was held in Masonic Hall, St. John's Day, December 27th, 1894,—M. . E. . EDGAR A. TENNIS, Grand High Priest. Twenty-seven

constituent Chapters were represented, and the representatives of eighteen sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

The Grand High Priest presented his Annual Report. He reviewed the legislation of the year, and expressed his thanks for the honors conferred upon him in the exalted station he had endeavored to fill. He mentioned those who had commenced the year with them but had been called from their duties here and had passed to the great beyond. He reported the death roll of the year and paid a feeling tribute to the departed companions. No decisions of importance were rendered.

Referring to the centennial observance, he said :—

“As Pennsylvania Royal Arch Masons we enjoy the proud distinction of having first conferred the degree of Royal Arch Masonry in America, and are also the first Grand Chapter to celebrate a centennial organization. We shall look forward therefore with pride and pleasure to the autumn day when, with open arms, we may welcome to this Temple not only the devoted companions of our jurisdiction, but the honored and beloved companions of many Grand Chapters on this continent.”

All the companions present who had not received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Comp. EZRA S. BARTLETT was installed as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, duly proclaimed as such, and received the salutations of the Craft.

The companions who had retired were re-admitted, and the remaining officers were severally installed, proclaimed, and received the salutations of the Craft.

The M. : E. : Grand High Priest delivered an interesting Address and announced his appointments for the present year.

The Grand High Priest appointed a Committee on Finance to act in conjunction with the Elective Grand Officers to prepare a programme for a celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary, in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Grand Chapter.

Grand Chapter closed in peace.

A fine portrait of Past Grand High Priest JEREMIAH LALOR HUTCHINSON, deceased, is published in connection with a memorial page devoted to his memory.

The Report on Correspondence is by an eminent committee, consisting of Comps. MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, CHARLES CARY, J. SIMPSON AFRICA, JOSHUA L. SYTE and JOHN P. CLARK. The report is a very able one, worthy of the distinguished committee whose names are a guarantee of its Masonic importance. For some unknown reason the proceedings of California failed to reach the committee, and as the matter treated therein is in these days of rapid communication somewhat ancient, we forego the pleasure of comment thereon.

The M. : E. : EZRA S. BARTLETT, Grand High Priest ; the R. : CHARLES CARY, Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC.

The Grand Chapter of Quebec held its eighteenth Annual Convocation in the city of Montreal, January 29th, 1895,—the M. : E. : E. T. D. CHAMBERS, Grand High Priest ; the M. : E. : WILL H. WHITE, Grand Scribe E. Ten chartered Chapters and one under dispensation were represented. Seven Past Grand Z's were present and the Grand Representatives of twenty-one sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

In his Address the Grand Z. thanked the companions for the great honor conferred in his absence by being chosen to preside over their destinies. He thanked God for their preservation and invoked a continuance of his blessings upon their organization, and as individuals, upon the present assembly.

He reported the death of loved companions, paid fraternal tribute to their several records, and recommended a memorial page in the proceedings to perpetuate their memories and record their virtues as men and as Masons. He also paid suitable and deserved tribute to the many eminent companions of sister jurisdictions who have, during the past year, ceased their labors and entered into rest.

In reporting his official acts we note the following :—

"M. : E. : Comp. J. W. CHAMBERLIN, President of the Ohio Council of High Priests, wrote me last October, expressing his interest in the working of the Order of High Priests throughout the world, and courteously proposing to correspond with me further with reference to its introduction into this jurisdiction. In thanking our M. : E. : companion for his fraternal offer, I wrote him : 'As we have no High Priests in our jurisdiction, I presume we cannot very well have a Council of High Priests. Our Chapters of Royal Arch Masons follow the English system of nomenclature and order of officers, the presiding First Principal being King instead of Priest and bearing the title 'Z,' or 'Zerubbabel.'"

The Grand Superintendents of Districts made their reports, which were referred to a special committee.

In the Report of the Grand Scribe E. we note the following :—

"In connection with this an exchange has been formed with a committee composed of the Grand Secretaries of Nebraska, Montana, Ohio, Ontario and Massachusetts, as a Central Clearing House for the purpose of transfers, exchanging, and, when needed, reprints, etc. This Grand Chapter has now many volumes of proceedings unbound, and as it is probable that a place can be obtained for the better keeping of their books in the new building of the Montreal Temple Company, I would request this Grand Chapter to take into consideration the advisability of contributing towards this object, the cost being only a nominal one."

The Grand Chapter of Quebec bears upon its roll the names of ten chartered Chapters, with one under dispensation. Their membership numbers four hundred and seventy-two Royal Arch Masons.

The Committee on Report of Grand Scribe E. made the following recommendation, which was adopted by the Grand Chapter :—

"A Masonic Collector's Association has been formed, as appears from the letter attached to the Grand Scribe E's reports ; its object is to assist the different Grand Bodies in procuring missing numbers and reprints of reports of proceedings. Your committee recommend the adoption of the suggestion of the Grand Scribe E. that this Grand Chapter become a member of this Association and that the fee of five dollars be forwarded to the Secretary."

The M. : E. : Grand Z. said of the Temple in course of erection at Montreal :—

"I very much regret my inability to have been present at the laying of the corner-stone of the Temple in this city. It is gratifying to know, however, that there was a good attendance of members of the Royal Craft, in regalia, upon that interesting occasion, upon the invitation, as requested, of the Grand Superintendent of Montreal District, and I have been given to understand that the Royal Arch Masons who assisted at this important function were a conspicuous feature of the very large procession that marched through the streets of Montreal to take part in that important event. Those Most Excellent Masters to whom Montreal is indebted for the new structure—and many of whom are honored members of this Grand Chapter—need not to be assured that by no body of men or Masons is a more zealous interest taken in the successful progress and completion of that Temple, than by those whom I am now addressing."

The Report on Correspondence is presented by the Chairman, Comp. WILL H. WHYTE, Grand Scribe E., and is a faithful review of the legislation of the forty-six jurisdictions reviewed, with his comments and criticisms upon the action of the several Grand Bodies. The following conclusions of Comp. WHYTE, after wading through his correspondence, are of decided interest, and mark him as one who, having an opinion, does not hesitate to write it. He says :—

"On reviewing the various jurisdictions our attention has been arrested by the following points : That the presiding officers have, in the large majority of cases, presented purely business reports, dissertations on Masonry full of platitudes, and insipid truisms being almost the exception. 'The stepping stone' cry is apparently vanishing, the Chapters are evidently paying more attention to their work, thus making the degrees and meetings more attractive. Fewer dispensations are being issued to 'cyclone' candidates through, in order to qualify for the chivalric degrees. Cerneauism is also on the wane. The ritual tinker is very much in evidence in the majority of jurisdictions, and the unfortunate Past Master's degree is being thumped unmercifully. Physical qualification is still to the fore and a big bone of contention.

"The dependent or compulsory membership idea we likewise notice is still kicking vigorously in some quarters. We cannot help thinking too much legislation and worry is being expended over it for very little results. Our experience has been that the brightest and most active Royal Arch Masons are also the most interested in the Blue. We are sure that, like 'Lot' of ancient fame, who searched for ten men, that we could not find ten active Capitular Masons in this jurisdiction who are not also members of some Lodge, and we doubt not this is true of the majority of jurisdictions."

Which we think a very good diagnosis of the Capitular condition. The result of his experience, referring to useful Masons, confirms the opinions of observant brethren—show me an enthusiastic useful member of Chapter and Commandery, and you will almost, without exception, find one who is zealous in the discharge of his Lodge duties—in fact he is a Mason all over, either on foot or on horseback.

The review of California is of the session presided over by Comp. ELLISON L. CRAWFORD as Deputy, in the absence of Grand High Priest GRITMAN, who was soon thereafter called into the presence of the Heavenly Grand Council. Of our report he says :—

"We do not agree with our excellent companion on the dependent membership theory, but are one with him on the matter of affiliation fees, which should be as small as possible, and not as we have sometimes known, almost prohibitory."

Past Grand High Priest WILLIAM BUCKLEY DAVIS, of Sacramento, represents the Grand Chapter of Quebec near the Grand Chapter of California.

In reply to Comp. MYERS of Pennsylvania, Comp. WHYTE writes a clear and convincing statement of the question at issue between the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Grand Chapter of Quebec. It involves an entire disregard of the rights of the Grand Chapter by the Grand Mark Lodge. Comp. WHYTE says :—

"The edict issued by the Grand Chapter of Quebec against the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales is still in force and effect. It has never been rescinded, and never will be until such time as the aforesaid Grand Mark Lodge withdraws her two illegal subordinates (one of the three has already become defunct)."

M. E. T. T. D. CHAMBERS was re-elected Grand Z.; M. E. WILL H. WHYTE was re-elected Grand Scribe E. Comp. WILL H. WHYTE, Montreal, Chairman of Correspondence.

RHODE ISLAND.

The Grand Chapter of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations was held in the city of Providence, March 12th, 1895,—the M. E. ALBERT L. ANTHONY, Grand High Priest; the R. E. WILLIAM R. GREENE, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chapter of Rhode Island bears upon its roll the names of ten constituent Chapters, with a membership of 2,347 Royal Arch Masons.

This volume contains elegant portraits, on steel, of Past Grand High Priests SAMUEL GEORGE STINESS, deceased, and Comp. GEORGE H. KENTON, Grand High Priest in 1891-2.

The representatives of nine chartered Chapters were present, with two Past Grand High Priests, the Grand Master of Masons in Rhode Island, and the representatives of sixteen sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest and the Deputy Grand High Priest, with the Grand Captain of the Host and the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of New York, being in attendance, were cordially welcomed by the M. E. Grand High Priest.

In his Address, the Grand High Priest welcomed the assembled companions to the ninety-seventh Annual Convocation, and invited them to enter upon the work of the session in a spirit of thankfulness to God that so many of heaven's blessings had attended them during the past year.

He read from the death roll the names of three beloved companions, Past Grand High Priest SAMUEL GEORGE STINESS, Past Grand King WILLIAM GILPIN, and Past Grand Scribe DWIGHT RIPLEY ADAMS, and recommended that a proper tribute of respect and affection be prepared as a fitting memorial of their many virtues, and that the same be recorded in the journal of the session.

No important decisions were rendered. The Chapters were all visited and found to be prosperous and taking much interest in the Chapter work.

The Grand High Priest reminds the companions that the present is the ninety-seventh Annual, hence they may reasonably expect the centennial in the near future, and suggested preparation.

Of the following practical and useful idea of Comp. S. STACKER WILLIAMS, he says:—

"A letter was recently received from this Association, which I did not answer at the time, as our Annual Convocation was so near at hand, preferring to submit the matter for your action. The letter will later be read by our Grand Secretary, and will then be before you for consideration. M. W. Bro. JAMES W. STATON, of Kentucky, is President, and M. W. Bro. S. STACKER WILLIAMS, of Ohio, is Secretary of the Association, and it seems proper that a matter endorsed as this is, by so many eminent and scholarly Masons, should receive some attention in this jurisdiction. I can but think, however, that it should be taken up by the Grand Lodge, instead of the Grand Chapter, as our Grand Chapter has not as yet any library."

The Deputy Grand High Priest, King and Scribe presented their usual reports.

The assets of this Grand Chapter, stocks and securities, amount to \$5,600.57.

The Grand High Priest appointed M. E. and Rev. HENRY W. RUGG as historian.

Elaborate and eloquent memorial addresses, devoted to the memories of the eminent dead companions named in the Address of the Grand High Priest, were delivered by different companions appointed for that purpose.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by M. E. and Rev. HENRY W. RUGG. Comp. RUGG selects the principal topics upon which a difference of opinion is most marked, and comments, quoting leading opinions for and against the doctrines advanced in different jurisdictions.

On the subject of physical qualification, he says:—

"This much discussed question is brought forward again by several reviewers, who take opposite sides as to whether or not a candidate with an artificial foot can properly be exalted to the Royal Arch degree. Comp. SCHULZ of Maryland would exclude the brother with an artificial foot, on the ground that he is incapable of doing required Masonic work except by artificial help. The argument of the Maryland Correspondent is as follows:—

"While not *quite* holding to the 'perfect youth theory,' we do hold that no degree of Masonry can *properly* be conferred upon one not able to comply literally with all the requirements of said degree, and *without* the aid of *artificial appliances*, and yet this must have its qualifications. We know that there are near-sighted persons who cannot see, as the saying goes, to the end of their nose, but with the aid of glasses they *can* see. On the contrary, a man with an artificial arm or foot is not able to *feel*, therefore, while the one would be able to comply with the requirements of *all* the degrees, the other would not be able to do so."

"Comp. J. H. DRUMMOND of Maine meets the objection urged, in what seems to be a strong expression of good common sense. He says:—

"What is a man's foot but an instrument whereby the man can do certain things—while a member of the body, it is not the body. If a man has lost his natural foot, and has acquired the skill to use an artificial one in such a manner as to perform all the functions of the natural one—if such an one is still capable of learning the art of serving his Master's Lord, and is otherwise qualified, we should not hesitate to say, let his application be received and his character be investigated. Feeling is much esteemed among Masons, and this is about the chief difference between many an artificial foot and a natural one. But that sense is so esteemed among Masons, first carnally in respect to the grips, which are always manual and never pedal, and secondarily, metaphorically. The absence of feeling in a natural foot would not deter an applicant, and this is about all there is in question, we think, for a man with an artificial foot can place himself in every position that our rites require."

Comp. RUGG comments as follows:—

"Our thought is that if a mistake is to be made let it be on the side of a liberal construction of the old rule. Let us not make it precise and technical by reading into its words a meaning which we are not obliged to give to that old charge making the test the 'capacity to do Masonic work.' There are tests of physical qualifications for Freemasonry which may not be set aside, but these should not be applied with undue severity, while always, in every determination of the fitness of candidates, it should be borne in mind 'that it is the internal and not the external qualifications which commend a man to be made a Mason.'

"Turning again to the lately published proceedings of the General Grand Chapter for 1894, we note with much satisfaction that Comp. MCCAHAN, General Grand High Priest, affirms a decision which had previously been made, viz.: 'That the acceptance of a candidate who has an artificial leg, but who can conform to requirements of the work, is permissible.' The rule thus declared seems to be a fair and just interpretation of the old charge."

The M. E. ALBERT L. ANTHONY was elected Grand High Priest; the R. E. WILLIAM R. GREENE was re-elected Grand Secretary. Historian, M. E. and Rev. HENRY W. RUGG, Providence.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Providence March 10th, 1896.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Grand Chapter of South Carolina held its eighty-fifth Annual Convocation in the city of Charleston, February 11th, 1896,—M. E. Comp. J. T. BARROW,

Grand High Priest; R. V. E. Comp. ALBERT E. FUGLE, Grand Secretary. Seventeen of the twenty-one Chapters of the jurisdiction were represented.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Twenty-one sister Grand Chapters were represented, not counting the Representative of California, who ought to have been there. These companions were received with the Grand Honors of Masonry and a fraternal welcome from the Grand High Priest, together with his best wishes for the prosperity of the Royal Craft in the several jurisdictions represented, which was appropriately acknowledged and responded to by Comp. A. E. FUGLE on behalf of Iowa, who spoke strongly in favor of the system as one of the means by which we were able "to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection, uniting us into one band or family of brothers." Comp. DIBBLE also made a fitting response in behalf of North Dakota.

After a cordial welcome to the assembled companions, the Grand High Priest reminded them of their cause for devout thankfulness that the circle of the Grand Chapter remained unbroken, the silent reaper having spared them, although from the jurisdiction without the official circle of the Grand Chapter he had received official notice of the death of thirteen prominent and useful companions in their respective home Chapters who had been transferred to the heavenly Grand Council above. He said:—

"Let us not forget these companions whose labors in the quarries are ended, but rather let the remembrance of their many virtues serve as an incentive to us to emulate them in all that is good, noble and pure."

Of the illustrious dead of sister jurisdictions he said:—

"I have also received official notice of the death of the following named illustrious companions of sister jurisdictions:—

"CHARLES F. GOODMAN, Past Grand High Priest, of Nebraska, died at Omaha, Neb., January 10th, 1895.

"STEPHEN F. CHADWICK, Past Grand King, of Oregon, died at Salem, Or., January 15th, 1895.

"THOMAS DAVIDSON, Past Grand High Priest, of Delaware, died at Wilmington, Del., February 6th, 1895.

"WILLIAM B. ISAACS, Grand Secretary, of Virginia, died at Richmond, Va., June 9th, 1895.

"WILLIAM H. H. LYNN, Grand Lecturer, died in Virginia, June 19th, 1895.

"Rev. GEORGE W. DAME, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Chaplain, of Virginia, died at Danville, Va., December 24th, 1895.

"RICHARD O. HICKMAN, Past Grand High Priest, of Montana, died at Chicago, Ill., July 20th, 1895.

"FRANKLIN REX, Past Grand High Priest, of West Virginia, died at Parkersburg, W. Va., October 18th, 1895.

"Z. ELLIS COOMBS, Past Grand High Priest, of Texas, died at Dallas, Tex., November 25th, 1895.

"CHARLES VAN S. LEVY, Past Grand High Priest, of Maryland, died at Frederick, Md., December 8th, 1895.

"REES G. WILLIAMS, Past Grand High Priest, of New York, died at Utica, December 23d, 1895.

"This is a long list of those whose noble lives and earnest zeal have given tone and character to Royal Arch Masonry, and whose places in the quarries it will be hard to fill. 'God kills His workmen, but carries on His work.'

"Let us sympathize with those who loved in life, and now cherish in memory these eminent companions who have laid aside the chisel and the mallet and have exchanged the labors of this temporal life for the blessed rest of that life which is eternal."

His report shows a faithful discharge of the duty of visitation, having broken bread with nearly every constituent Chapter in the jurisdiction, and he gives this well-deserved tribute of approval to the faithful efforts of R. E. ALBERT E. FUGLE:—

"It is gratifying to note in the proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions that the Report on Correspondence furnished by our Right Excellent Companion Grand Secretary has met with general favor. I trust that the time will never again come when we may feel compelled to discontinue this potent agency for the good of the Craft."

The Grand High Priest says he cannot report the condition as entirely satisfactory, although he knows of no discord in the ranks nor such difference of opinion as to lead to the submission of any question for the ruling of the Grand High Priest.

The receipts for the year were \$801.50; the disbursements for the year were \$924.19.

The Grand Chapter pays its Grand Secretary \$150 as salary and \$100 for Report on Correspondence. Economical service.

There was very little business before the Grand Chapter other than the proposed amendments to the Constitution.

The Committee on Address of Grand High Priest concurred in his opinions, and endorsed his recommendations with thanks for his faithful service.

The Committee on Charters had but one matter for consideration, and recommended the continuance of a dispensation until the next Annual Convocation.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances had none.

The Committee on Books of Grand Treasurer and Secretary reported everything straight, solvent and secure.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported everything finished, except the pending amendments to the organic law, which were subsequently acted upon.

The Committee on By-Laws reported the By-Laws of *Rising Star* Chapter to be in harmony with the Constitution, and recommended their approval.

The Finance Committee reported the following appropriations for the year 1896:

A. E. FUGLE, correspondence, 1896.....	\$100 00
A. E. FUGLE, salary as Grand Secretary.....	150 00
C. F. JACKSON, salary as Grand Treasurer.....	50 00
A. E. FUGLE, as Grand Secretary—postage, stationery, etc.....	6 05
Estimate for printing proceedings, etc.....	150 00
Per diem and mileage.....	301 80
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	\$757 85

Estimated balance on hand February 11th, 1896.....\$277 93

The affiliated Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina number about six hundred.

The Grand Convention of High Priests of South Carolina was held February 11th, at 10:30 P. M.,—the M. E. JACOB T. BARRON, President; E. Comp. ALBERT E. FUGLE, Recorder.

The Convention was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the E. Chaplain.

Nine companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters and otherwise qualified, having been elected, were introduced, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

The President made the following Address, which we quote as a correct report of the proceedings had to establish this important Order upon a uniform basis,

harmonizing its ritual and giving it the place in Royal Arch Masonry that its dignity and rank demands:—

"EXCELLENT COMPANIONS: The Committee on Ritual, of which I was chairman, procured a copy of that prepared by Comps. JOHN W. CHAMBERLIN of Ohio, WM. D. THOMPSON of Kansas, and ALLEN McDOWELL of Missouri, who, at a General Convention of High Priests, representing twenty-three Grand Jurisdictions, held at Topeka, Kan., in August, 1894, were appointed to prepare a suitable ritual for the Order, looking to uniformity in the several Grand Jurisdictions. After a careful examination of this ritual, your committee, pursuant to authority heretofore given, unanimously adopted the same as the official work of this Grand Convention. Our judgment of its excellence is confirmed by the action of five Grand Conventions in officially adopting this work, while the Presidents of fourteen others highly commended it, and have secured copies for submission at their respective Conventions. We feel safe in predicting that within one year more than half of the Grand Conventions in North America will have adopted this ritual. Indeed it seems remarkable how almost universally the work of that committee is being endorsed. In this connection I desire to give further expression to the obligation which we are under to M. E. Comp. JOHN W. CHAMBERLIN, who gave us much assistance, and even labor, under adverse circumstances, in this matter, but returned to us the compensation we sent to him: 'Lest thou shouldst say I have made Abram rich!'

"STATE OF THE ORDER.

"There are only eleven States and Territories in this Union in which there are no permanent organizations of this Order; but it is gratifying to know that in three or four of those steps are being taken towards organization.

"CERTIFICATES AND BIBLES.

"In several of the States it is proposed to charge an initiation fee of five dollars and present to each Anointed High Priest a certificate of his consecration and a handsome Bible, 4x6 inches, flexible morocco, presentation page inserted, and a cut of the Past High Priest's jewel embossed in gold on the cover. These Bibles can be procured at a cost not to exceed \$1.25 each. I submit for your consideration the advisability of increasing our fee to enable us to present a certificate and Bible to each High Priest when anointed and consecrated."

The following resolutions were adopted:—

"Resolved, That this Grand Convention hereby expresses its full approval and appreciation of the work of its Committee on Ritual, and that said committee, having satisfactorily discharged its work, be discharged.

"Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Convention be extended to M. E. Comp. JOHN W. CHAMBERLIN, of Ohio, for a copy of the ritual and for his courtesies in the matter."

On motion, it was

"Ordered, That the Recorder obtain a supply of Bibles and certificates to be given to those who may hereafter become members of this Grand Convention, it being understood that such Anointed High Priests, members of this Convention, who may desire the same, shall be furnished with them at actual cost."

After the election of officers for the ensuing year, the Convention closed in Ample Form.

Comp. ALBERT E. FUGLE again presents the Report on Correspondence. His review of California is for the administration of our lamented companion, Grand High Priest CRAWFORD, whose Address he quotes from freely and with entire approval.

He expresses his regret that all is not harmonious in our quarries, and mentions "Benicia Chapter, for instance." Old No. 7 is all right again, Comp. FUGLE; a bad case of La Grippe, that's all. The shaking up will do her good, and clothed again in her Royal robes she will shine with renewed splendor.

He quotes also the sharp words of the Grand High Priest, referring to one GRAN. VILLE A. FRAMBES, a peddler of illegitimate degrees and a general disturber. He

also quotes the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence upon the acts of that individual, and comments as follows:—

"There is a charity that worketh evil, when we fail to prefer charges against an erring brother who fails to purge himself of his wrong-doing after having been notified of the same. Through a feeling of reluctance, it may be, to wound the feelings, or possibly to lose the influence of one who in time past has rendered the Craft good service, we become in fact '*particeps criminis*,' and, failing to do our duty in the premises, we shield one to the permanent injury of the many. In standing closely by the law some few may be offended, but the good of the Craft will be conserved thereby."

M. E. Comp. J. T. BARRON was re-elected Grand High Priest; R. E. Comp. ALBERT E. FUGLE was re-elected Grand Secretary. Correspondent: R. E. Comp. ALBERT E. FUGLE, Columbia.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Charleston, February 9th, 1897.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

The Grand Chapter of South Dakota held its sixth Annual Convocation at Pierre, June 13th, 1895,—the M. E. LOUIS G. LEVOY, Grand High Priest; R. E. GEORGE A. PERTIGREW, Grand Secretary. Twenty-four Chapters were represented. There were eight Grand Representatives of sister jurisdictions present. California's representative was not present.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. He congratulated the assembled companions upon the happy auspices under which they were assembled and the bright prospects ahead, and extended a hearty greeting to this the sixth Annual Convocation. He reported in sorrow the death of Past Grand High Priest COLLINS D. PRATT, and paid an earnest tribute to his memory. He also read the names inscribed on the death roll of eleven beloved companions who had answered the final summons. He recommended that memorial pages be set apart devoted to their memories.

He also named the many eminent dead of sister jurisdictions who had passed to rest during the year, and extended the heartfelt sympathy of South Dakota to the sister jurisdictions who mourned the loss of leaders and companions.

The Grand High Priest reported the visitation of every Chapter in the jurisdiction, and made a most thorough report of their condition and future prospects.

The Grand High Priest reports that there is no organized Council of High Priests in their jurisdiction, and refers to Sec. 18 of Constitutional Rules, p. 156, Pro. 1891, which says:—

"It is not necessary for the due and legal discharge of his functions that a High Priest shall receive the degree of High Priesthood. But it is recommended that every High Priest should, as soon as convenient after his election, apply to a Convention of High Priests for admission into that Order."

"At the time when the General Grand Chapter was in session at Topeka, in August last, a Convention of Representatives and Presidents of Councils was called to consider the ritual, and, if possible, secure throughout the United States complete uniformity in its use, also to take steps for the general advancement of the Order. In furtherance of this idea a committee of three was selected to consider and formulate a ritual.

"On May 6, I received a communication from Comp. J. W. CHAMBERLIN of Tiffin, Ohio, President of the Committee, requesting that steps be taken for the formation of a Council for South Dakota, that a ritual had been adopted and would be furnished to Presidents or Recorders of Councils at cost, upon proper application to the committee.

"In view of these facts, and in compliance with Sec. 18 of the Rules, would suggest that a Council of the Order of High Priesthood be organized for South Dakota at this Convention of the Grand Chapter."

On motion of Comp. MARTIN G. CARLISLE it was

"Resolved, That this Grand Chapter feels that it should not close its deliberations without first expressing its high appreciation of the unselfish and enthusiastic administration of its affairs during the past year under the directing hand of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest and companion, LOUIS G. LEVOY.

"Never in the history of this Grand Body has its first officer visited and inspected each constituent Chapter in the jurisdiction during the incumbency of his office, and we doubt if any Grand High Priest of our sister jurisdictions has accomplished a like feat under such difficult and trying circumstances.

"That the results of his efforts have, we believe, been of inestimable benefit to the Craft, and we deem it but fitting that his unswerving loyalty and unflagging zeal for the welfare and prosperity of this Grand Body should receive this special recognition at our hands.

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Body that it would be helpful to the Craft if the M. E. Grand High Priest would cause the Royal Arch degree to be exemplified at the Annual Convocation at Huron in 1896."

A well deserved compliment to a faithful executive head.

The Grand Chapter of South Dakota bears upon its roll the names of twenty-six constituent Chapters, with a membership of 1,529 Royal Arch Masons.

The recorded decisions of this Grand Chapter are eminently sound, and have the ring of a true interpretation of the law. The following is a reference to fees :—

"Held that no Chapter shall charge a less sum than \$30, and no deduction shall be made for any cause whatever. (Pro. 1887, p. 7.)

"Held that if the Chapter should reimburse a candidate, it would be an invasion of the law.

"Held that the fee accompanying a petition for the degree should be disposed of like other moneys received by the Secretary, and when such petition is rejected the High Priest should order a warrant drawn for the amount of such fee to be returned to said rejected applicant. (Pro. 1889, p. 20.)

"Held that a by-law requiring a fee of forty dollars for the Chapter degrees cannot be amended by adding a proviso, 'that the fee for those residing ten miles or over from the Chapter at the time of making application and exaltation shall be thirty dollars.' (Pro. 1891, p. 90.)

The volume contains portraits of Grand High Priest LOUIS G. LEVOY and the M. E. PETER PICTOR, Grand High Priest in 1877.

The Report on Correspondence is by the M. E. LOUIS G. LEVOY, and is an excellent review of forty-nine Royal Arch Bodies, including the General Grand Chapter. He writes of California :—

"Owing to sickness the Grand High Priest, CHARLES RAY GRITMAN, was not able to be present, and his very brief Address was read to Grand Chapter by the Deputy Grand High Priest, E. L. CRAWFORD. It consists of a detailed statement of his official acts during the year, several dispensations being granted for election of officers who had either resigned or died. In this jurisdiction they can't resign or die, so dispensations are not necessary."

And writing of Comp. ELLISON L. CRAWFORD, who succeeded Comp. GRITMAN, and whom he met at Topeka, he says :—

"We had the pleasure of meeting the Grand High Priest at Topeka, and are under obligations to him for courtesies rendered, which we await an opportunity to reciprocate."

It is with unfeigned regret, Comp. LEVOY, that we have to report our beloved Comp. CRAWFORD as resting from his labors. But a few weeks after he completed his term and installed his successor, he was summoned and obeyed. Comps. GRITMAN and CRAWFORD have both passed up with their work for inspection.

He gives a kindly notice of our report and comments upon our legislation with generous approval. Of the writer, he says :—

"Under Colorado, he comments upon affiliation, believing that membership in every Body should be extended without any fee, maximum fees from the profane and minimum dues from the frater. Under District of Columbia he quotes Comp. BRAOY, and with it Comp. SINGLETON's comment, which he styles old-fashioned. Under Kentucky he takes the right position that Masonry needs but one burial service."

The M. E. HARVEY J. RICE was elected Grand High Priest; R. E. GEORGE A. PETTIGREW was re-elected Grand Secretary. M. E. LOUIS G. LEVOY, Webster, Correspondent.

The next Annual Convocation will be held at Huron on Thursday after the second Tuesday in June, 1896.

TENNESSEE.

The Grand Chapter of Tennessee held its sixty-seventh Annual Convocation in the city of Nashville January 27th, 1896,—M. E. ALBERT G. KIMBROUGH, Grand High Priest; R. E. WILLIAM A. CLENDENING, Grand Secretary. There are sixty-four active Chapters in this jurisdiction, with a membership of 2,755 Royal Arch Masons. Sixty-one Chapters were represented at this session, and there were present eleven Past Grand High Priests.

A portrait of the Grand High Priest appears upon the opening page.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest welcomed the companions of the Grand Chapter and invoked the blessings of God upon the Convocation. He said the jurisdiction had been blessed with peace and prosperity. He submitted the correspondence with the Grand Chapter of Virginia, in reference to disputed jurisdiction, for their consideration.

No important rulings were reported. Two dispensations were issued for the formation of new Chapters.

He announced the death of Grand Visitor H. R. HOWARD and Grand Sentinel Comp. CHARLES L. FULLER, and recommended that mourning pages be set apart devoted to the memory of the companions. He also noted the death of eminent companions of sister jurisdictions and advised the same action.

The Grand Chapter ordered a dispensation to issue for a new Chapter to be located at South Nashville.

The Grand Chapter ordered the arrest of the charters of three Chapters and revoked one dispensation heretofore issued.

The Grand Treasurer was authorized to borrow \$600 to meet an existing deficit.

The thirty-second Annual Convention of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood for the State of Tennessee was begun and held in Freemasons' Hall in Nashville January 27th, 1896,—E. Comp. J. H. McALISTER, Grand President; E. Comp. BRADFORD NICHOL, Grand Recorder, and a good attendance of members present.

The Council was opened in Due Form.

Twenty-one companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters and otherwise qualified, having been elected, were introduced, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

After the election of officers for the ensuing year the following resolutions were adopted :—

"That the Grand Recorder purchase suitable certificates and furnish same to the classes of 1894, '95 and '96.

"2. That a committee, consisting of Comps. BRADFORD NICHOL, DUNCAN MCKAY, and J. B. GARRETT, take into consideration the ritual prepared for Grand High Priest,

and if by them approved, transmit same to Grand President, T. W. CRUTCHER, for promulgation in this jurisdiction.

"3. That a committee consisting of Comps. JOE. H. BULLOCK and R. R. FREEMAN, prepare suitable resolutions for our minutes touching upon the lives of our deceased companions, R. M. MASON, J. G. JOSEPH and H. R. HOWARD.

"4. That after the expenses of the Convention are paid, all unexpended monies in the treasury be turned over to the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home of Tennessee."

The business being completed, Comps. INMAN, FREEMAN, TAYLOR, PARK, MAITLAND, WELDON, AKERS, MCALISTER and COWAN made earnest and instructive remarks, after which the Convention was closed until next Convocation.

This Grand Council has conferred the Order upon five hundred and thirty-five companion High Priests.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by Comp. H. H. INGERSOLL, who reviews nearly all the Grand Chapters, and quotes from their doings such action as seems to give him food for comment. Under California, he quotes approvingly from the Address of the Grand High Priest and the Correspondent's notice of the eminent dead of Tennessee, and passes on.

The following is from his conclusion :—

"This committee has not sought to chop logic with the 'veterans of the quill,' nor undertaken to 'measure swords' with those who find the pen a mightier weapon; but keeping steadily in view that the committee was appointed and commissioned to report to you the news from other jurisdictions, with such comment as it might suggest, we have given you in small compass, and with earnest purpose, these meagre gleanings from a restricted number of the foreign fields."

M. E. W. D. HENDERSON was elected Grand High Priest; R. E. W. A. CLENDENING was re-elected Grand Recorder. Committee on Correspondence, Comp. H. H. INGERSOLL, Knoxville.

The next Annual Convocation will be holden at Nashville January 25th, 1897.

TEXAS.

The Grand Chapter of Texas held its forty-sixth Annual Convocation in the city of Houston, December 3d, 1895,—M. E. Comp. JOHN K. STONE, Grand High Priest; E. Comp. GEORGE LOPAS, Jr., Grand Secretary. Thirteen Past Grand High Priests and one Past Deputy were present, and ninety-two of the one hundred and forty-three active chartered Chapters in the jurisdiction were represented. Twenty-eight sister Grand Chapters had representatives in attendance, California being represented by Comp. A. S. RICHARDSON.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest named the committees for the session and proceeded to read his Annual Address. After thanks to God for his mercy in their preservation during the past year, he referred to the visits of the grim messenger and his summons of many exalted companions of the jurisdiction. Past High Priest Z. E. COMBES, an honored member of the Fraternity, who passed to the future life on Christmas Day, 1894, received special notice at his hands.

The eminent sons of sister jurisdictions who had been called from labor during the recess, and of whose departure he had received official notice, were mentioned with sorrowful remembrance of their faithful service in the cause of Royal Arch Masonry.

His decisions were not of general importance, were in accordance with the local law, and were concurred in by the Grand Chapter. He says, however :—

"I have received quite a number of letters asking for information on various subjects, and I have given all in my power; yet, for the benefit of my successor, I would suggest in nearly every instance the companions could have learned all they wanted by referring to the Constitution and resolutions of the Grand Chapter and in this way save the Grand High Priest a *good deal of time*."

Comp. STONE, we object to your objection to the applications of your subordinates for information from the fountain head as to the construction of the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Texas. It is true, if there was no chance for misconstruction there would be no need of Masonic lawyers, and, possibly, for Grand High Priests. Let the companions ask questions, and the information gained and disseminated by correspondence with the executive head will always be of great value to the Craft.

The Deputy Grand High Priest and the Grand Visitors for the Eastern and Western Districts reported the condition of the Chapters under their respective supervision.

The Grand Secretary reported one hundred and thirty-three Chapters borne upon the roll, with a membership of 6,098 Royal Arch Masons. These Chapters were classified and assigned to seven districts, and the Grand Chapter

"*Resolved*, That seven Grand Visitors be appointed by the Grand High Priest, who shall reside in the districts to which they are appointed; and that it shall be the duty of the Grand Visitors, in addition to those duties prescribed by the Constitution, to look into the general welfare and condition of the subordinate Chapters in their respective districts, to report to the Grand High Priest, or the Deputy Grand High Priest, any infraction of the edicts of the Grand Chapter; to urge upon the Craft the importance of a thorough knowledge of the ritual, and a strict conformity to the regulations of the Grand Chapter, to encourage, wherever practicable, and to the interest of the Craft, the organization of new Chapters; to investigate the condition of demised Chapters, and, wherever feasible, to aid in their restoration."

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended, and the Grand Chapter

"*Resolved*, That the jurisdiction over the person of a rejected applicant for the Royal Arch and appendant degrees, shall attach to the Chapter so rejecting him for a period of five years from the date of such rejection, and that after such time the Chapter shall have no jurisdiction by reason of such rejection. That any law in conflict herewith be and the same is hereby repealed."

Comp. THOMAS H. CASWELL, Grand Secretary, is the representative of the Grand Chapter of Texas near the Grand Chapter of California.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of Texas met in the city of Houston, December 5th, 1895,—the M. E. NORTON MOSES, High Priest; Comp. ROBERT BREWSTER, Secretary. A large attendance of members was present.

Twenty-three companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, having been duly elected, were introduced and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

An election of officers for the ensuing year was held, and the Grand Council closed in Due Form.

Comp. JOHN L. TERRELL presented the Report on Correspondence. He gives us a very independent and able review of the doings of forty-seven Grand Royal Arch Bodies, and we find his opinions generally in line with the veterans.

Under Alabama, in his review of Comp. PILLANS, he says:—

"We also agree with him that suspension from a Lodge, whether for non-payment of dues or any other cause, must operate as a suspension from the Chapter."

Under our obligation it could not be otherwise.

Under California, Comp. TERRELL reaffirms his objections to our Regulation 8; but his imaginary happenings seem to us so far in the distance that we won't speculate upon them.

Comp. TERRELL joins us in sympathy for the death of our Comp. GRITMAN, depositing his sprig of acacia in remembrance of our beloved departed companion.

He concurs with us on the important question of dependent membership; insists upon a reasonable construction of the law relating to physical qualifications; don't believe in Hindoo theology, in the writing or printing of any of the sacred traditions of the Craft; is averse to tinkering with the ritual, and believes a Master Mason's funeral ceremony good enough for those who dwell in high places and head the procession—which we think a good sound platform to rest upon.

Under Delaware, speaking of the proposition to strike from the Capitular system the degree of Past Master, he writes:—

"We have been taught that Ancient Landmarks required that no person should be exalted to the Royal Arch, except he be a Past Master, and that the number might not be too limited, candidates for the Royal Arch were created virtual Past Masters, thus fitting them for the higher degree."

Under Maine, discussing the right of Grand Chapters to levy assessments for charitable purposes, he says:—

"We say the Grand Chapter has no such right. The right could be conferred on the Body by the adoption of a constitutional provision. Any levy made beyond that authorized by the Constitution is void. She levies upon the Chapters whatever she deems proper in the way of dues, and she may set apart whatever part of that she wishes for charity or any other purpose. The Chapter in turn collects the amount specified in the By-Laws, and can collect no more. We hold that the expression, the 'Grand Chapter can do no wrong,' has no place in Capitular common law. She must, if she expects loyalty on the part of her members, stay within the limit delegated by the Constitution, and when she goes beyond these, and oppresses her Chapters or members, she is doing a wrong; and the fact that she is sovereign and can arrest the charter and wipe her Chapter out of existence, does not change the wrong and make it right."

M. E. Comp. A. S. BUNTING was elected Grand High Priest; E. Comp. GEORGE LOPAS, Jr., was re-elected Grand Secretary. Chairman of Correspondence, Comp. JOHN L. TERRELL, Terrell.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Houston December 1st, 1896.

VERMONT.

The Grand Chapter of Vermont held its seventy-eighth Annual Convocation in the city of Burlington, June 14th, 1895,—the M. E. MYRON J. HORTON, Grand High Priest; R. E. WARREN G. REYNOLDS, Grand Secretary. Twenty-six chartered Chapters were represented. There were present five Past Grand High Priests and the Representatives of thirty-four sister Grand Jurisdictions.

A fine portrait of M. E. MYRON J. HORTON prefaces this handsome volume of proceedings.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Rev. HERBERT R. TITUS, Grand Chaplain.

As becomes a poet and a Christian, the Grand High Priest commences his Address with these beautiful words:—

"The voice of the season, like a soft reveille falling upon the ear of an expectant warrior, has again marshaled you together and finds you gathered beneath the folds of our Council tent, to add the garnerings of another year's experience to the harvest of the past. We have gathered about the altar, as we are accustomed to

do, and with our Grand Chaplain devoutly offered grateful thanks to 'the Grand High Priest of Heaven' for the blessings He has bestowed upon us, enabling us to again meet in Grand Convocation with our official ranks unbroken."

The M. : E. : companion welcomed his companions to the discharge of the duties incumbent upon them as the Representatives of the Royal Arch Masons of Vermont. In sorrow he alluded to the visits of the grim messenger, and deplored the loss of eminent companions who had been taken from their useful labors among the living to join the unnumbered dead. He spoke of Masons as of one family, although divided by jurisdictional lines, and extended the sympathy of the Grand Chapter of Vermont to sister jurisdictions who were mourning the loss of eminent sons and companions, and recommended that memorial pages be devoted to their memories in the proceedings of the year.

The Grand High Priest reported but a partial visitation of the Chapters, owing to the prevalence of the prevailing epidemic known as "La Grippe." Those visited were found in excellent condition. He reported his attendance upon the General Grand Chapter, and gave a general outline of the business transacted.

The Grand Chapter of Vermont bears upon its roll the names of twenty-six constituent Chapters, with a membership of 2,650 Royal Arch Masons.

Our late companion, Past Grand Master WILLIAM C. BELCHER, was the representative of Vermont near the Grand Chapter of California. A great light in Masonry was extinguished in the death of WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER. The Masonic Grand Bodies of California mourn the loss of this beloved companion and great Masonic jurist.

The Grand Chapter has a balance of funds on hand of \$4,922.47.

The election of officers was held, and the record states that M. : E. : ROBERT J. WRIGHT was elected Deputy Grand High Priest, but from the surrounding circumstances we have concluded that Comp. REYNOLDS, in the excitement of a re-election, had got his copy for the printer mixed, and we have promoted M. : E. : ROBERT J. WRIGHT to Grand High Priest, with the Grand Honors, etc.

The Grand Lecturer and District Deputies made elaborate and detailed reports of the condition of their districts.

Memorial pages were inserted in honor of JOHN FRIZZELL, Past General Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of the United States; MORRIS M. KATZ, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of North Carolina; PHILIP CROSBY TUCKER, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Texas; COLLINS D. PRATT, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of South Dakota; LOUIS WATSON, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Illinois; DWIGHT BYINGTON, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Kansas; JOSEPH A. MANNING, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Indiana; JOSEPH K. WHEELER, Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter of Connecticut.

The High Priests of Vermont assembled in Convention in the city of Burlington, June 13th, 1895.—M. : E. : EDWIN O. HIBBARD, President; E. : CHARLES H. WILLIAMS, Recorder and Treasurer. A large number of High Priests and members of the Convention were present.

Seven companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters and otherwise qualified, having been elected, were received, anointed and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

After the election of officers for the ensuing year the Convention closed in Solemn Form.

The Report on Correspondence is by Past Grand High Priest MARSH O.

PERKINS, and is a review of all the American Capitular Bodies, except Nevada and West Virginia, which failed to report.

Comp. PERKINS gives us a complete history, in fact a digest, of the legislation of the American Grand Chapters. California is pleasantly noticed, and our doings concurred in generally. The only exception we notice is upon the question of "Grand Representatives," and Comp. PERKINS may be assured that our relations will never become "strained" over that question.

Under District of Columbia, he says of our old friend, brother and companion, Dr. BROWNE :—

"The Grand High Priest in his able Address announces the death in Washington December 5, of M. E. JOHN MILLS BROWNE, a native of New Hampshire, and Past Grand Master and Past Grand High Priest of California. The distinguished companion served on board the famous Kearsarge during the civil war, and wrote an account of the battle between that ship and the Alabama, which was published in the war series of the Century Magazine. At the time of his death he was Treasurer General of the Supreme Council, A. A. S. R., Southern Jurisdiction."

Comp. PERKINS gives us an excellent report of the doings of the General Grand Chapter at Topeka.

M. E. ROBERT J. WRIGHT was elected Grand High Priest; R. E. WARREN G. REYNOLDS was re-elected Grand Secretary. M. E. MARSH O. PERKINS, Windsor, Correspondent.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Burlington, June 13th, 1896.

VIRGINIA.

The Grand Chapter of Virginia held its eighty-eighth Annual Convocation in the city of Richmond November 12th, 1895,—M. E. GEORGE WILLIAM POE, Grand High Priest; Comp. WILLIAM BRYAN ISAACS, Jr., Grand Secretary. Twenty-three chartered Chapters were represented. Four Past Grand High Priests were present and the representatives of eleven sister Grand Chapters.

The Grand Chapter of Virginia has enrolled thirty-eight chartered Chapters, with a membership of 2,407 Royal Arch Masons.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

In his Address, the Grand High Priest extended a hearty welcome to the assembled companions; returned thanks for blessings received, and invoked the favor of the Great I Am upon the labors of the session. He says to his companions that candor compels him to report to them that the condition of Capitular Masonry is not as prosperous in their jurisdiction as they would have it. He quotes from the Address of the Grand High Priest of Tennessee to show that they are not alone in their sorrows. Before dismissing the subject, he remarks :—

"I am afraid we are too anxious to get new recruits for our Commanderies and Shrines, thus using our Chapters as stepping stones to the above mentioned Orders."

In reporting the honored dead of the year, he makes sorrowful mention of the eminent WILLIAM B. ISAACS, so thoroughly identified with Virginia Masonry in all its branches; Past Grand High Priest WILLIAM H. H. LYNN; Grand King F. A. REED, who was also Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and other departed companions, whose names he recommended be inscribed upon memorial pages and published in the proceedings of the year.

No decisions were reported.

The Grand High Priest earnestly champions the cause of the Masonic Home,

He had visited ten of his constituent Chapters, but was prevented by sickness and business from further indulgence in this pleasant duty.

He had received a complaint from the Grand High Priest of Tennessee of an invasion of their jurisdictional rights by the Grand Chapter of Virginia. The ensuing correspondence has been submitted to the Grand Chapter for its action upon the matter.

Of correspondence, he says:—

"We have not been favored with a report from the committee for some years. I hope the chairman will see to it that such is not the case in 1896. We should keep up this feature of our Annual Convocation, so that the companions of Virginia may be informed as to what is happening in Capitular Masonry throughout our sister Grand Chapters."

This jurisdiction is divided into nine districts, each under the supervision of a Deputy Grand Lecturer, all subject to the authority of the Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter.

Among the sundry resolutions we note this:—

"*Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated to the Grand Steward's Committees for refreshments on the first and second nights of the Annual Grand Convocations of this Grand Chapter—that is, fifty dollars for each night."

A Council of the Order of High Priesthood was held in the city of Richmond November 13th, 1895,—M.: E.: JACOB BUMGARDNER, acting President; E.: J. V. BIGOOD, acting Secretary, and a number of members in attendance.

A Council was opened in Due Form.

Seven companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters, and otherwise qualified, having been elected, were admitted and severally anointed and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood. Officers were elected for the ensuing year.

The Council—

"*Resolved*, That in future this Body shall be known as a Council of High Priests.

"*Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to inform M.: E.: Comp. J. W. CHAMBERLIN, of Tiffin, Ohio, of the action of this Council in adopting the ritual, and tender the sincere thanks of the Council for his kindness in providing us with a copy of said ritual."

Council closed in Due Form.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

The M.: E.: JACOB BUMGARDNER was elected Grand High Priest; the E.: E.: JAMES B. BLANKS was elected Grand Secretary.

The next Convocation of the Grand Chapter will be held in the city of Richmond subject to the order of the Grand Council.

WASHINGTON.

A Special Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Colfax, May 21st, 1895,—M.: E.: HORACE W. TYLER, Grand High Priest.

The Special Session was held for the purpose of acting as escort and assisting in the performance of the last sad rites in memory of brother and companion, Past Grand High Priest JACOB H. BELLINGER.

A procession was formed by Hiram Lodge, No. 21, F. & A. Masons, and escorted by the Grand Chapter, proceeded to the Methodist Episcopal Church where the body was received, conveyed to the cemetery, and after the solemn burial service the remains of the eminent and beloved companion were committed to the grave. The procession returned to the Lodge-hall, and the Grand Chapter closed.

The eleventh Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Tacoma, June 5th, 1896,—the *M. E.* HORACE W. TYLER, Grand High Priest; *R. E.* YANCY C. BLALOCK, Grand Secretary. Four Past Grand High Priests were present and sixteen chartered Chapters were represented.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

A portrait of Grand High Priest, HORACE W. TYLER, prefaces the fifth page of this volume.

The Grand High Priest extended a cordial welcome to the companions on the occasion of their eleventh Annual Assembly. He congratulated them upon the harmonious condition of the jurisdiction and invited their co-operation in devising legislation for the best interests of their beloved Grand Chapter.

In sorrow he reported the loss of thirteen companions during the year—their beloved Past Grand High Priest, Comp. JACOB H. BELLINGER, being of the number. He paid fraternal tribute to their memories and recommended that a memorial page be set apart in the proceedings of the session as a testimonial of the respect and fraternal regard of the Grand Chapter. He also extended, on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Washington, the sympathy of the companions with the Grand Jurisdiction who mourn the loss of eminent sons and distinguished leaders.

The Grand High Priest reported a general visitation of the Chapters and gave a favorable account of their condition.

The Grand Chapter, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, resolved to become members of the Masonic Collectors' Association and authorized the Grand Secretary to draw a warrant for \$5 00 in favor of Bro. S. STACKER WILLIAMS, of Newark, Ohio, the Secretary.

The Convention of High Priests for the jurisdiction of Washington assembled in the city of Tacoma, June 5,—*M. E.* WALTER JAMES THOMPSON, President; *E.* HENRY BABBIT, Recorder, and a number of High Priests members of the Convention.

Twelve companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters and otherwise qualified, having been elected were received, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood:—

"The *M. E.* President stated that he had received from Comp. J. W. CHAMBERLIN, of Ohio, a copy of the Ritual prepared and adopted by the committee appointed for that purpose at a meeting held in Topeka by the representatives of twenty-three State Bodies of the Order of High Priesthood. After some discussion the Ritual was adopted for the use of this Convention, and a warrant was ordered drawn for \$7.30 to cover cost of the copy received.

"On motion the *M. E.* President was authorized to prepare parts for the several officers."

An election of officers was held and the Convention closed in Solemn Form.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. YANCY O. BLALOCK, Grand Secretary and chairman, who gives a very full review of the doings of the capitol world but forbears the expression of his opinions upon the work of the various Grand Bodies.

Of the Proceedings of 1895, Comp. ELLISON L. CRAWFORD, Grand High Priest, Comp. BLALOCK writes a very full report. He quotes the Grand High Priest on the subject of bogus Masonry or "Cerneanism" in our jurisdiction and the report of our Committee on Jurisprudence thereon. He also quotes this writer in his conclusion and seems to be satisfied with our general methods.

The jurisdiction of Washington is growing in importance every year and Comp. BLALOCK will soon have to "chip in" to keep up with the procession.

The *M. E.* EDWARD R. DARE was elected Grand High Priest; *R. E.* YANCY C. BLALOCK was re-elected Grand Secretary. *R. E.* YANCY C. BLALOCK, Walla, Walla, Correspondent. The next Annual Convocation will be held in Seattle, June 5th, 1896.

WISCONSIN.

The Grand Chapter of Wisconsin held its forty-fifth Annual Convocation in the city of Milwaukee, February 19th, 1895,—the M. E. T. S. HAYHURST, Grand High Priest; E. JOHN W. LAFLIN, Grand Secretary. Sixty-five Chapters were represented and there were present twenty-one Grand Representatives of sister jurisdictions.

The Grand Chapter was duly opened and the Grand High Priest delivered his Address. He expressed their gratitude to the "Great I Am" for the privilege of meeting again in Annual Convocation. He reported the names of beloved companions who had gone from among them during the last year and paid to their memories a tribute of fraternal esteem. He also joined in the general mourning for the loss of the great leader Comp. JOHN FRIZZELL, and extended the sympathy of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin to the mourners of sister jurisdictions.

No important decisions were reported.

In his report of official acts he mentions the session of the General Grand Chapter in which he in company with Past Grand High Priest W. O. SWAIN and Deputy Grand High Priest SAMUEL WRIGHT, represented the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin—the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin was honored by the election of WM. C. SWAIN as General Grand Principal Sojourner, we salute you Comp. SWAIN.

The Grand Chapter of Wisconsin bears upon its roll the names of sixty-nine Chapters with a membership of 5,497 Royal Arch Masons.

A Jewel was ordered for presentation to Past Grand High Priest, WILLIAM C. SWAIN.

The Committee on Obituaries made a feeling report. The Committee on Grievances reported none.

The Annual Convention of Wisconsin Council of the Order of High Priesthood assembled February 20th,—Comp. M. L. YOUNG, President; Comp. J. W. LAFLIN, Secretary. Seven companions, High Priests of their respective Chapters and otherwise qualified, having been elected, were received, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

An election was held for officers for the ensuing year, and the Convention closed in Solemn Form.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by Comp. WILLIAM C. SWAIN, Past Grand High Priest. He reviews forty-seven jurisdictions with his usual ability, and now that he is invested with the Supreme authority of a General Principal Sojourner we expect him to lead us blind fellows into ways that we know not, etc. Comp. SWAIN's review of California is for the administration of Comp. GRITMAN. He does not seem to endorse our regulations referring to non-affiliation or as to dependent membership. We regret it for we should like the approval of our rules and regulations by our companions of Wisconsin. There is wisdom in his comment; for instance, in his reply to Comp. HODSON of Oregon, who fears that "Wisconsin and Comp. SWAIN have strayed too far from the ancient landmarks." Referring to his opinions expressed upon physical qualifications, "we agree with Comp. SWAIN that there is too much legislation on matters which may be safely left to subordinates," but in reply to Comp. HODSON, Comp. SWAIN writes:—

"Where are the ancient landmarks he thinks we are straying from? We know of none on this subject which apply beyond the Entered Apprentice degree. We will go further than the two cork legs. If the man is split in two in the middle and half of him applies to one Chapter and half to the other, if they are satisfied that each half will make a valuable member, we are willing to acquiesce in their judgment. There is too much legislation on matters which may be safely left to subordinates. No Chapter is going to receive a brother with two cork legs if they are convinced he is going to be a burden to them. One of the great faults of our Grand Bodies is legislating upon subjects which are unnecessary and which may be safely left to the

discretion of Lodges and Chapters. Physical qualifications is one of these matters and temperance legislation is another on which we would like to preach a sermon if this was the proper place."

And again, under Tennessee, in commenting upon the practical application of the rule in its radical sense by the lamented **COMMON**, he says:—

"It would seem that when a man has met the requisitions of the Lodge, he is, physically at least, qualified for the mysteries of the Chapter. And as a maimed Master Mason can make himself known quite as satisfactorily as a perfect one can, the need of the ironclad rule in the Chapter is not apparent. The imparting of the Ritual can be done as well by a thumbless man as by one with two perfect ones, ditto of every member of the body. And it can be received as easily as imparted.

"But why halt at the receiving and imparting of the Ritual in Capitular Masonry? The High Priest imparts the Ritual, and the neophyte may never be required to impart it, and there is no difficulty in his receiving it. Of course the esoterics forbid an illustration of this, but it is plain without.

"We cheerfully concede much to that peculiar fondness for antiquity which leads the brethren to cling to the requirements of the ancient operative Masons, but we can not concede so much when the same brethren, without show of reason, attempt to engraft the same regulations upon the modern Rite called Capitular Masonry. We can not, because there is absolutely no meaning in their doing so; and because it simply hinders the good work of the Rite, and misconceives its mission.

"We boldly assert the opinion that all Master Masons morally qualified are physically competent to receive the four degrees of the Chapter. And why not? Is there a regulation to the contrary? We moderns invented the Rite and made the regulation; let us repeal it. Capitular Masonry has no landmarks, in the sense of the Craft landmarks, hence our regulations are merely expediency."

The M^r. E^r. **SAMUEL WRIGHT** was elected Grand High Priest; R^r. E^r. **JOHN W. LAFLIN** was re-elected Grand Secretary. Correspondent, Past Grand High Priest, **WM. C. SWAIN**, Milwaukee. The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Milwaukee, February 18th, 1896.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

We have been looking for a fair report of the doings of the General Grand Chapter at Topeka in 1894.

The most intelligent digest of the proceedings of that distinguished body of Masons we find in the report of Companion **JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND** of Maine, and with this acknowledgment of the appropriation, we present for the benefit of our Companions in California, Companion **DRUMMOND**'s report of the doings of the General Grand Chapter at its last triennial session, with his comments thereon:

"The proceedings are adorned with splendid portraits of the lamented **JOSEPH P. HOBBS**, General Grand High Priest, and **EDWARD LIVINGSTON**, Past General Grand High Priest.

"Thirty-four Grand Chapters and fourteen Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter were represented. Past Grand High Priests were present from twenty-five Grand Jurisdictions. Maine was represented by Comp. **ALGERNON M. ROAK** as proxy for Grand High Priest, and Comp. **HENRY S. WEBSTER**, Deputy Grand High Priest.

"The General Grand Secretary reported the receipt of letters from the Grand High Priest and Comp. **ODEL S. LONG**, Past Grand High Priest of West Virginia, stating that each had intended to be present, but was prevented by severe illness in his family, so that, greatly to their regret, the Grand Chapter would not be represented. It was also announced that Past General Grand High Priest **JOHN FRIZZELL** was detained at home by severe illness, and the General Grand Secretary was directed to convey to him by telegraph the sympathy of the General Grand Chapter, and the sincere hopes of the companions for his speedy recovery.

"Comp. **GEORGE L. McCAHAN**, Acting General Grand High Priest, submitted an able and very interesting address.

"He announced in fitting terms the deaths of General Grand High Priest **JOSEPH PORTS HOBBS**, and his tribute was supplemented by an eloquent eulogy by Comp. **FREDERIC SPEED**.

"He gives the correspondence and action in relation to the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania, Virginia, Rhode Island, Texas and West Virginia. But as we have given in former reports full accounts of these matters, it is not necessary to repeat them.

"Dispensations have been granted by the General Grand High Priest for two Chapters U. D., one of them being Chapultepec Chapter, in the City of Mexico; and the acting General Grand High Priest had granted dispensations to two others. Charters were granted to these four, as well as to one whose dispensation had been continued.

"As Mexican Masonry is under discussion in our Grand Lodges, and as its regularity is considered somewhat dubious, we give a full account of the action in relation to Chapultepec Chapter. In reading this account it must be borne in mind that Comp. HONOR died January 24, 1893, and that all that took place before that date was under his administration:

"March 21, 1892. Dispensation granted to RICHARD E. CHISM, High Priest, and nine other companions, to form and hold a Chapter in the City of Mexico, and under the name of Chapultepec Chapter No. 1. No recommendation accompanied this petition, by reason of there being no Chapter within reasonable distance to which application could be made.

"Authority was given to name the King and Scribe, by choice, of the companions on receipt of the dispensation. Comp. MARK BIRMINGHAM was chosen King, and Comp. BENJAMIN F. BIVENS, Scribe, their names inserted and the dispensation made complete.

"Application for a dispensation to form Chapultepec Chapter was first made in 1890, in which year a protest was made by the bodies of the Scottish Rite in Mexico against the granting of the petition, but the ground of the protest—that of injury to Scottish Rite interests—was not considered tenable.

"Two communications were received from Comp. CHISM in December, 1893, in which he advances the claim 'that the General Grand Chapter has exclusive jurisdiction over R. A. Masonry in this Republic (Mexico), from the fact of having planted the first R. A. Chapter here.' No discussion of this proposition was entered into.

"In a later communication, January, 1894, Comp. CHISM asked consent to confer the degrees of the Chapter on a member of a body holding allegiance to the Grand Dieta, one of the branches of Mexican Masonry. No action was taken on the request because of the following objections to the Grand Dieta, obtained from a publication entitled 'Mexican Masonry,' issued in March, 1893, by Comp. CHISM, as Master of Toltec Lodge, then working in the City of Mexico under a charter from the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

"1. 'It practices 'Universal Masonry,' which is in accord with and embraces all rites, including the rite of Memphis, etc., and in fact everything calling itself Masonry.'

"2. 'The abandonment of some of the most prominent landmarks of Ancient Craft Masonry.'

"3. The admission of women to the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry.'

"4. The exclusion of the Bible from all Mexican Masonic Lodges, and the presence in the City of Mexico of 'a Lodge chartered by the Grand Orient of France,' which 'is in full and fraternal communication with Mexican Masonry, the Grand Officers of the Grand Dieta attend the meetings of this Lodge and take part in its festivities, and the Official Bulletin of the Grand Dieta states that it counts among its most honored correspondents the Grand Orient of France.'

"5. By our investigation and experiences in this country, we have been led to believe, and do believe, that Toltec Lodge is the only representative of legitimate Symbolic Masonry now at work in this Republic. We believe we should forfeit all of our rights as Masons were we to incorporate ourselves with any Mexican body now existing.'

"Toltec Lodge, above referred to, was established in the City of Mexico in 1882, under a charter from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and continued under that authority until 1893, when the charter was recalled, whereupon Toltec Lodge became a constituent of the Grand Dieta. The reasons therefor are given in the following extracts from a communication from Comp. CHISM, under date of July 1, 1894, in which is also foreshown the future practice of Chapultepec Chapter, which had restricted itself to material from Toltec Lodge while it remained a constituent of the Grand Lodge of Missouri:

"At present all our companions are Master Masons made under Grand Lodge of Missouri. Our Lodge surrendered its charter to Missouri and, acting by advice of the Grand Master of Missouri, took a charter from the Grand Dieta of Mexico.

"We have the Bible upon the altar; work under the York Rite in its strictest form, and the Grand Dieta has issued a decree cancelling all concessions formerly made as to the initiation of women into the fraternity. These Lodges of women are now established as a side order, not belonging to Masonry, but under its protection.

"Under the circumstances I felt it my duty to lay aside, in the interest of harmony and of Masonic unity, whatever scruples I might formerly have had in respect to certain points in Mexican Masonry, and to join in upholding Toltec Lodge under the new dispensation. We have been working under Mexico since February 1st, and we are all satisfied; you would never know any difference unless told. Mexican Masons have never denied the existence of God, but their ordinary rituals, being those of Scottish Rite, are different from those of the York Rite.

"I see no reason why our Chapter should not continue taking its members from the new Toltec Lodge, or even from any other lodge under the Grand Dieta of Mexico. We have resolved to always work in English, except in some exceptional case, and only to admit English-speaking Master Masons unless under same circumstances. Some 33° Masons have expressed a desire to join us.

"If our Chapter is continued we will shortly be over 100 strong, all good and true men, and always ready to welcome B. A. Masons who may visit us.

"The Grand Dieta of Mexico is firmly established; its principles of working are the same as those of any Grand Lodge in the United States. The details are different, having come from a different source, but with the objection as to women removed, which has been done, I don't see why just as good material should not be derived from Master Masons of the above body as from elsewhere."

"As an application will be presented at this convocation for a charter, by Chapultepec Chapter, the foregoing facts are submitted for the information of the General Grand Chapter in its consideration of the application."

"The Committee on Dispensations and Charters recommended that a charter be issued, and that their recommendation be adopted. The *status* of the "*Gran Dieta*" was not discussed by the committee, and apparently not in the General Grand Chapter. Considering that very few of our Grand Lodges have recognized the "*Gran Dieta*" as a regular Masonic body, and especially as quite a number have absolutely refused to do so, and that others are holding the matter under advisement because they are not willing to recognize the *Gran Dieta* upon the evidence thus far submitted as to its regularity, we are disposed to regret this action. To be sure, the statement of Comp. CHAM as to the reformation of the *Gran Dieta* is now, for the first time, so far as we have seen, made public; but inasmuch as the General Grand Chapter accepts the *status* of bodies of the Symbolic Rite as determined by the Grand Lodges, it seems to us that action in establishing Royal Arch Masonry in Mexico and authorizing the conferring of the degrees upon members of the obedience of the *Gran Dieta*, should have been postponed until, to say the least, there should be a more general *consensus* of decision that that body is a regular body of Symbolic Masonry. We do not perceive how a member of Chapultepec Chapter can be admitted as a visitor in a Maine Chapter, inasmuch as our Grand Chapter follows the decision of our Grand Lodge in relation to the *status* of persons claiming to be Master Masons, and our Grand Lodge has declined to recognize the *Gran Dieta* as a Masonic body, or the members of its obedience as regular Masons. However, the technical law of the situation is, that a Maine Royal Arch Mason could sit in the chapter with a person with whom he could not sit in a Maine Lodge; the consequence would undoubtedly be, that the Maine Mason would object to the admission of the party into the Chapter as a visitor. What is true of Maine is true of the large majority of the other Grand Lodges.

"Several decisions were announced and passed upon by the committee and the General Grand Chapter; the committee call attention to the fact that the decisions applicable to subordinate Chapters are limited in their effect to Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

"As the following involves a principle now much discussed, and as it sustains our practice in Maine, we quote it:

"In the case stated in the *third* decision reported in the address, which relates to a brother residing within the jurisdiction of one of our subordinate Chapters who, upon a visit to Scotland, his native land, was there exalted to the degree of a Royal Arch Mason, it is the opinion of your committee that whilst the Chapter of his residence may complete his qualifications as a Royal Arch Mason, by conferring upon him such intermediate degrees as are not conferred in a foreign land, yet, that the practice of a brother, leaving the place of his residence and obtaining exaltation abroad, is one which deserves the strongest disfavor, and the Royal Arch Mason, thus made, ought, unless reasons to the contrary appear, to be denied the privilege of visitation."

"The following decision was announced :

"That dependent Lodges should not be opened until the Chapter is first opened and dispensed with ; after the work of the dependent Lodges is accomplished they are closed, and the Chapter resumes labor and is closed."

"This was amended by the committee (and, as amended, adopted by the General Grand Chapter) so as to read as follows :

"Dependent lodges should not be opened, as stated convocations, until the Chapter is first opened and dispensed with ; after the work of the dependent Lodges is accomplished, they should be closed, and the Chapter resumes labor and be closed in form."

"It will be noted that the original decision applied to all convocations, stated or special ; while the decision as approved is limited to *stated* convocations. This is in accordance with the old usage in this section. As all *business* must be done in the Chapter when opened on the R. A. degree, it follows that the Chapter must be opened on that degree, at every convocation at which *business* is to be, or may be done. But at a special meeting for the conferring of a 'dependent degree,' the body may be opened on the degree in which work is to be done."

"Among the other decisions are the following, which are in agreement with the law in this State :

"8. That Sec. 43 of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, that 'no chapter under this jurisdiction shall confer the degrees on any candidate previously rejected by any other Chapter without the consent of such rejecting Chapter, provided such Chapter be in existence,' does not apply to subordinate Chapters working under a State Grand Chapter, unless the latter should make it effective by legislation."

"9. That I know of no general Capitular law that requires a High Priest of a Chapter to have served as a King or Scribe. Grand Chapters, however, have the right to limit the qualifications. (See Digest, Grand Chapter, 6.)"

"10. That verbal notice of special meeting and business to be transacted, given at a convocation of a Chapter, is a legal and sufficient notice to those companions who were present."

"The following decision was approved, but Comp. Long, of Indiana, submitted a minority report :

"12. That the acceptance of a candidate who has an artificial leg, but who can conform to the requirements of the work, is permissible under the decision of Comp. CHAPMAN, amended and confirmed by the General Grand Chapter. (See pp. 23 and 90, Pro. 1883.)"

"Comp. Long says :

"The undersigned has subscribed the report of your Committee on Jurisprudence, as in favor of all the propositions therein contained, except that recommending a concurrence in the decision of the General Grand High Priest that a candidate may be accepted 'who has an artificial limb, but who can conform to the requirements of the work.' From that portion of said report he is constrained to dissent, for the reason that, in his estimation, such a candidate cannot conform to the ceremonies in which he must participate. While he may seem to do so mechanically, he will not be doing so corporally. While he may appear to do so constructively, it will be impossible for him to do so actually and physically. If one member may be missing and be supplied with a mechanical appliance, others may be so missing and be so supplied, until the merest remnant of a man may be the candidate in some occurring case. Elaborate reasons could be given against such a condition of affairs, but these, it is believed, will suggest themselves to any mind that will set aside the purely sympathetic sentiments that naturally enough arise in the hearts of all who contemplate the condition of the class referred to. It is not, however, properly a question of sympathy, but one of law."

"A motion was made to substitute the minority for the majority report, but it was lost."

"We have never subscribed to the doctrine that the physical perfection rule applies to Royal Arch Masonry. But it does not follow that there is no rule. It is a necessary consequence of conferring a degree under an established ritual, that the candidate *must be able to receive the degree* according to the terms of that ritual. This ability must be the *actual* ability of the candidate. It follows that if he is actually able thus to receive the degree there is no room for question as to whether his ability rests upon his natural powers or artificial aids. Comp. LONG's suggestion that the degrees may be conferred on 'the mere remnant of a man' is without force ; for if there is enough of a man to perform, at his own will, the work of Royal Arch Masonry, there is enough of a man to make a Royal Arch Mason."

"In 1865, King Cyrus Chapter was created at Valparaiso, Chili: it made returns for a while, but for several years prior to 1880 nothing had been heard from it, and that year its charter was declared forfeited; it now appears that this fact did not come to the knowledge of its members till 1893, and they kept on at work, with some periods of inactivity. Now they desire to have their charter restored, their work regularized, and a part of their dues remitted. The whole matter was referred to the General Grand High Priest, with power.

"A committee of the Grand Chapter of Texas visited the General Grand Chapter and were fraternally welcomed. The committee presented a memorial reciting the adoption of a resolution by the Grand Chapter of Texas:

"*Resolved*, That a committee of five members of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas be appointed to visit the said General Grand Chapter at its next stated convocation, to be held in the City of Topeka, Kansas, on July 18, 1894, for the purpose of ascertaining upon what terms, and under what conditions, the General Grand Chapter will receive the Grand Chapter of Texas; *provided*, said Grand Chapter should decide to accept the invitation to unite itself with said General Grand Chapter; and that said committee make a full report back to this Grand Chapter at its next annual convocation.

"We were appointed on said committee, and now beg leave to present the said resolution to the General Grand Chapter for its consideration: and we will be pleased to report to the Grand Chapter of Texas such action as the General Grand Chapter may deem it advisable to take in response to said resolution."

"In relation to this the following was adopted:

"We further recommend that in response to the inquiry contained in the said memorial, the General Grand Chapter, anxious to promote the interests of Royal Arch Masonry, cordially and fraternally invites the Grand Chapter of Texas to become a constituent of the General Grand Chapter upon a perfect equality with its peers which now compose the General Grand Body, with no terms, conditions or restrictions imposed differing in any respect from those observed by all: that the payment of dues and other constitutional requirements shall only become operative upon her admission to membership in the General Grand Chapter; that such membership shall neither alter nor abridge the power now exercised by the Grand Chapter of Texas over the ritual used and degrees conferred under the authority of said Grand Chapter, and that the General Grand Chapter will greet the Grand Chapter of Texas with the right hand of fellowship and the warm heart of perfect love whenever she shall seek admission to membership in the General Grand Chapter, which recognizes her now, as always heretofore, as a Sovereign Grand Body, and her companions as brethren justly entitled to and deserving of the fullest Masonic fellowship."

"If we had been present we should have voted against the adoption of this report. It is framed on the basis of the resolution in relation to West Virginia; but the Grand Chapter of West Virginia had never been a constituent of the General Grand Chapter. We could not vote for a resolution containing an implication (contrary to the truth of history and in violation of Masonic law) that the Grand Chapter of Texas is not now legally a constituent of the General Grand Chapter, and casting an imputation upon Comp. PHILIP C. TUCKER, who had more than once recognized this and his membership in the General Grand Chapter.

"After the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, in relation to the decision concerning physical qualifications, Comp. SCHULTZ offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

"*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this General Grand Chapter that the Capitular degrees should not be conferred upon any one who cannot comply literally with all the requirements of said degrees, and without the aid of mechanical appliances."

"One member of the committee was absent, and the others divided equally, Comps. LARKE and CARTER uniting with Comp. LONG in favor of the adoption of the resolution.

"On motion of Comp. WEBSTER, of Maine, the consideration of the reports was postponed until the next Triennial Convocation.

"The selection of the place for the next Triennial Convocation was determined by ballot, and Baltimore was selected. The fixing of the time was left to the Council of General Grand Officers, and the General Grand Secretary announced that they had selected Tuesday, the 12th of October, 1897.

"As that year will be the Centennial of the organization of the General Grand Chapter, it was voted that the occasion shall be properly observed. Comps. JOHN M. CARTER of Maryland, GEORGE H. WALKER of the District of Columbia, J. GILMAN WAITE of Massachusetts, FREDERICK E. BARNES of New York, and ISAAH BAKER, JR., of Connecticut were appointed a committee to make suitable arrangements.

"We notice that all the officers were 'promoted in line.' If this policy is continued, each officer will hold office *thirty-six consecutive years*, except so far as the arrangement is disturbed by deaths. We deprecate this practice, because we believe that the election of Masonic officers should be within the unfettered discretion of those who elect them, and this system gives an officer, in his own eyes, a *right* to promotion, and if it is denied, he and his friends claim that a gross injustice has been done to him, although, theoretically speaking, all admit (except in their own case) that no one can have a right to be elected to a Masonic office.

"We think one amendment to the Constitution should be made, to the effect that in case of a vacancy in the office of General Grand High Priest, the next officer in rank should *succeed to the office*, and be installed therein, and become General Grand High Priest, in the same manner that the Vice-President, in case of a vacancy in the office of President, takes the oath of office and becomes President."

CONCLUSION.

Through the kindness of Bro. J. H. DRUMMOND we are in receipt of advance copy of his Report on Correspondence to the Grand Chapter of Maine, which will soon meet in Annual Convocation.

Under California, Bro. DRUMMOND pays the following testimonial to our lamented brother and companion, WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER. He says:—

"The Grand Lodge, and the Masonic Fraternity as a whole, have suffered an exceedingly great loss in the death of Past Grand Master WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER, for three years Grand Master, and for *twenty-eight* years Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. He was elected Grand Master in May, 1862, almost the very day on which the writer was elected on his third term. His Annual Address, in 1864, was one of the first which we had to review in our first report for this committee. We were struck by the unusual ability shown by his address, and as he was soon after appointed on the Committee on Jurisprudence, we have had occasion to know him through his reports ever since.

"At the Templar Reunion in Boston we met Past Grand Master WILLIAM A. DAVIES, and were greatly pleased to receive through him a special message from Bro. BELCHER; we deemed it a special honor. Little did we think that Bro. DAVIES would be unable to deliver our message in reply. But so it was: on the Sunday following our interview, Bro. BELCHER saw the last of earth, and Bro. DAVIES never looked on his face again.

"Bro. BELCHER was born in Stockbridge, Vermont, December 12, 1820, and died in San Francisco, September 1, 1895, being nearly seventy-five years old.

"He graduated at the University of Vermont in 1843, taught for some years, but studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1852. In 1856 he went to Marysville, Cal., and went into practice with his brother; subsequently he removed to San Francisco, and continued his practice there till his death, dying with his professional harness on.

"He was an unceasing, tireless worker. He became Senior Grand Warden in 1860; Deputy Grand Master, and really Acting Grand Master in 1861, and Grand Master the next year, and for *thirty-five* sessions of the Grand Lodge was one of its main pillars of support.

"It has been our lot to discuss many of his reports, and, educated in different schools of Masonic law we did not always agree. He stated his own case as it was, and his adversary's also; he never misrepresented, and rarely, if ever, misunderstood his opponent's position. He was not striving for victory, but to discover and maintain the truth. He held that a failure to meet his opponent's attack squarely, was an admission that it could not be done. We shall greatly miss his instructive reports, and the rare privilege of discussing them.

"In the deaths of Bros. BELCHER and BROWNE, the Institution throughout the country has sustained a severe loss. But in addition to their splendid examples, they have left behind works worthy of the study of the Craft for all time."

The Masons of California, of every degree, will appreciate Bro. DRUMMOND's tribute to their beloved leader, and thank him for his kindly remembrance.

It was a shock to the Masonic Fraternity of California to learn of the death of ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD, and to none was the surprise so great as those associates in Grand Chapter who had so recently received his "good bye till we meet again." As our Grand High Priest, Comp. CRAWFORD attended the late session of

the General Grand Chapter held at Topeka, Kansas, and was attentive to the duties of his office until we met in Annual Convention. One year ago, at which session he presided with his accustomed vigor, he left us at its close for his home at Georgetown, El Dorado County, in apparent health and strength, and yet in the following month of June the winged messenger delivered the fatal mandate, and he has gone from among us forever. Comp. CRAWFORD had been a member of this Grand Chapter since 1890. He was appointed Grand Captain of the Host in 1890, and became Grand High Priest in 1894. He was an honest and sincere man, a well informed Mason and useful citizen. He will be missed by his old associates in the committees of the Grand Chapter.

It also becomes the sad duty of the writer to report the death of an old friend and companion and the Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of New York, R. E. REES GIBSON WILLIAMS, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York for the years 1871 and 1873.

Comp. WILLIAMS was a man of exalted character, of honor and reputation in the community. A man of learning and prominence among the eminent Masons comprising the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New York, of which Body he had been a member for thirty years. He died at his home in the city of Utica December 23d, and was buried by his brethren on St. John's Day, 1895, many of the officers and members of the Grand Chapter of New York coming from a distance to attend his funeral.

"What a world were this
How unendurable its weight, if they
Whom Death hath sundered did not
Meet again!"

One Grand Chapter during the past year has had an unusual experience, one not laid down in the text books of the Fraternity. The officers and many of the members of the Grand Body having been summoned to appear and answer why they should not be forever enjoined from rendering judgment for a violation of its edicts in conformity with Masonic law.

The companion in his complaint filed in the Superior Court, alleges this Grand Chapter to be influenced by schemers and conspirators, who, in pursuance of their conspiracy, caused certain acts to be passed which were unconstitutional, illegal, and in violation of the landmarks and usages of Royal Arch Masonry, and unless restrained by the majesty of the law, he feared injury in his personal and property rights, etc. The case has been argued and submitted, and in an exhaustive opinion in the case of POWELL B. LAWSON vs. A. HEWEL et al., Judge CATLIN, not a Mason, tells Comp. LAWSON that the edict complained of must stand or fall by the doctrine of Masonry as defined, not by the Courts, but by the authorities of Masonry. And that while the Court may and should protect property rights, it cannot perform even that function when it cannot be performed without usurping an unwarranted power over the consciences and personal liberties of the citizen.

Our proceedings give the opinion in full.

LAWSON has taken an appeal to the Supreme Court, so that we only know the end is not yet; but as the eminent Jurist and Mason, Bro. J. H. DRUMMOND, writes, "I think it is a duty we owe to Masonry, whenever brethren resort to the law that they should be taught that their remedy lies in the tribunals of the Craft." So say we all.

Fraternally submitted, for the Committee, by

WILLIAM A. DAVIES,
Chairman.

We append, as usual, Comp. DRUMMOND's Table of Statistics :—

GRAND CHAPTERS.	Members.	Exaltations.	Admissions and Restorations.	Dimissions.	Expulsions.	Suspensions.	Susp'd for Non-pay't of Dues.	Deaths.
Alabama,	1,029	49	13	28	0	3	66	15
Arizona,	187	7	2	4	0	0	1	3
Arkansas,	2,050	120	39	55	4	4	99	34
California,	5,117	233	104	92	0	0	120	81
Canada,	4,634	673	176	126	0	....	*115	38
Colorado,	2,450	116	119	95	2	....	*73	30
Connecticut,	5,215	336	18	73	0	1	71	102
Delaware,	583	48	2	6	0	....	*4	8
District of Columbia,	2,141	139	31	34	0	0	91	29
Florida,	594	85	12	35	0	....	*32	11
Georgia,	3,073	178	31	118	....	....	....	40
Illinois,	15,846	901	157	343	8	....	*281	307
Indiana,	6,315	341	89	145	7	7	65	85
Indian Territory,	411	85	13	13	0	....	*3	4
Iowa,	6,937	488	131	242	8	32	*134	96
Kansas,	5,029	343	65	194	1	1	163	47
Kentucky,	2,908	231	57	84	1	....	*72	42
Louisiana,	934	110	10	18	0	....	*20	12
Maine,	5,714	373	9	65	0	0	49	82
Maryland,	1,582	143	17	33	0	....	*40	17
Massachusetts,	13,304	901	49	144	0	....	77	179
Michigan,	12,338	709	129	180	10	2	130	156
Minnesota,	4,498	299	73	121	1	0	110	15
Mississippi,	1,305	176	28	23	1	2	56	20
Missouri,	6,485	376	128	123	0	....	*221	73
Montana,	637	46	13	14	1	0	36	5
Nebraska,	2,091	158	92	69	2	....	*47	36
Nevada,	294	11	4	8	0	0	12	4
New Brunswick,	401	19	1	7	....	....	*2	5
New Hampshire,	3,221	....	207	36	0	0	9	55
New Jersey,	3,168	226	27	51	0	....	*83	47
New York,	18,787	1,451	297	266	5	....	678	270
North Carolina,	765	39	5	20	2	0	57	8
North Dakota,	765	89	4	21	0	....	*16	3
Nova Scotia,	664	59	8	38	0	0	*8	10
Ohio,	13,373	727	254	144	4	11	371	188
Oregon,	1,220	81	26	18	0	0	23	13
Pennsylvania,	15,479	1,063	117	99	....	....	*248	257
Quebec,	472	....	42	8	0	....	*16	5
Rhode Island,	2,347	110	8	3	0	0	39	33
South Carolina,	601	55	5	18	0	....	*31	13
South Dakota,	1,529	103	13	36	2	....	*43	11
Tennessee,	2,684	163	42	60	2	3	49	29
Texas,	5,681	521	275	303	6	....	*135	114
Vermont,	2,650	141	9	0	0	....	*8	47
Virginia,	2,350	197	46	79	1	2	25	34
Washington,	1,114	98	43	27	2	....	*12	13
West Virginia,	1,115	120	16	11	0	0	10	16
Wisconsin,	5,460	406	65	129	0	....	*71	63
Gen. Gr. Chapter,	1,133	99	31	30	0	....	*11	11
	199,580	13,442	3,151	3,889	60	68	4,133	2,818

*Including suspensions for U. M. C., and those stricken from the roll.

Which report was ordered to be printed with the proceedings of this Grand Convocation.

The Grand Secretary read a communication from *Oak Grove Lodge*, No. 215, F. and A. M., inviting the Grand Chapter to attend a reception to be given to Master Masons and their families, in the Masonic Temple, in Alameda, on the evening of the 23d inst. Which invitation was ordered on file, and the thanks of Grand Chapter fraternally tendered.

The Grand Chapter was then called off until half past two o'clock this afternoon.

In Grand Chapter.

AFTERNOON SESSION,
Tuesday, April 21st, A. I. 2426. }

The Grand Chapter was called on at half past two o'clock, the Grand High Priest presiding.

The Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following regular committees :—

On New Chapters:

Comp. Eli Tucker Blackmer,
" Frederick N. Giles,
" John McMurry,
" Stanley Andrew Smith.

On Grievances:

Comp. Charles Lewis Patton,
" Lewis Cass Wittenmyer,
" Joseph Bailey Cooke,
" Eduard Keil,
" Jerome Bonaparte Richardson.

On By-Laws:

Comp. Charles Joseph Willett,
" Frederick Adams,
" Hugh James Owen,
" Andrew Robert Jamison,
" John Gould Bisbee.

On Returns:

Comp. Thomas Flint, Jr.,
" Sherman Ward Marsh,
" William Preston Butcher,
" George Horace Knight,
" John Henry Barker.

On Pay of Delegates:

Comp. Theodore Edward Smith,
" Walter Whittingham Lyman,
" Thompson Wilson Drullard,
" William Brockman,
" August Wackerbarth.

On motion of Comp. WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, the election of Grand Officers was ordered, and the Grand High Priest having appointed Companions CHARLES LEWIS PATTON, JOHN GOULD BISBEE and WILLIAM BROOKMAN to act as tellers, the election proceeded, with the following result :—

The M. E. THOMAS FLINT, Sr., was elected Grand High Priest ;
 The R. E. WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE was elected Deputy Grand High Priest;
 The R. E. ELI TUCKER BLACKMER was elected Grand King ;
 The R. E. FLOREN LESLIE JONES was elected Grand Scribe ;
 The R. E. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY was elected Grand Treasurer ;
 The R. E. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL was elected Grand Secretary.

On motion of Comp. JACOB HART NEFF, the installation of Grand Officers was made the special order for two o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Comp. THOMAS FLINT, Jr., from the Committee on Returns, presented the following report :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

Your Committee on Returns of the Subordinate Chapters beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and find that the returns from all the Chapters except two have been received by the Grand Secretary, accompanied in each case by the proper dues, and were, with few exceptions, correctly and neatly prepared.

Alturas Chapter, No. 34, has sent no returns, and *Benicia* Chapter, No. 7, failed to accompany the returns with the necessary dues for the present year.

The amount of dues for which the several Chapters of the jurisdiction were indebted, are as follows :—

NAME.	Gen. Fund.	Rep. Fund.	Total.
<i>San Francisco</i> , No. 1,.....	\$106 00	\$212 00	\$318 00
<i>Sonora</i> , " 2,.....	10 25	20 50	30 75
<i>Sacramento</i> , " 3,.....	67 25	134 50	201 75
<i>California</i> , " 5,.....	188 25	276 50	414 75
<i>Nevada</i> , " 6,.....	14 75	29 50	44 25
<i>Benicia</i> , " 7,.....	.....	.....	.....
<i>Shasta</i> , " 9,.....	15 50	31 00	46 50
<i>Sutter</i> , " 11,.....	10 25	20 50	30 75
<i>Merced</i> , " 12,.....	9 00	18 00	27 00
<i>Washington</i> , " 13,.....	30 50	61 00	91 50
<i>Howard</i> , " 14,.....	85 75	71 50	107 25
<i>Cyrus</i> , " 15,.....	21 00	42 00	63 00
<i>Saint James</i> , " 16,.....	11 00	22 00	33 00
<i>Grass Valley</i> , " 18,.....	19 50	39 00	58 50
<i>Trinity</i> , " 19,.....	6 25	12 50	18 75
<i>Franklin</i> , " 20,.....	18 50	37 00	55 50
<i>Sierra</i> , " 21,.....	8 00	16 00	24 00
<i>Petaluma</i> , " 22,.....	14 00	28 00	42 00
<i>La Fayette</i> , " 24,.....	3 25	6 50	9 75
<i>Georgetown</i> , " 25,.....	6 50	13 00	19 50
<i>Della</i> , " 27,.....	11 50	23 00	34 50
<i>Stockton</i> , " 28,.....	21 75	43 50	65 25
<i>Manzanita</i> , " 29,.....	11 75	23 50	35 25

NAME.	No.	Gen. Fund.	Rep. Fund.	Total.
Napa,	No. 30,	\$ 10 75	\$ 21 50	\$ 32 25
Martinez,	" 31,	12 25	24 50	36 75
Los Angeles,	" 33,	16 50	33 00	49 50
Alturas,	" 34,	.....	.....	.....
Naval,	" 35,	16 25	32 50	48 75
Oakland,	" 36,	54 75	109 50	164 25
Siloam,	" 37,	12 00	24 00	36 00
Santa Cruz,	" 38,	11 75	23 50	35 25
Donner.	" 39,	14 00	28 00	42 00
Red Bluff,	" 40,	14 50	29 00	43 50
Temple,	" 41,	10 25	20 50	30 75
Chico,	" 42,	17 25	34 50	51 75
Solano,	" 43,	15 25	30 50	45 75
Visalia,	" 44,	10 25	20 50	30 75
Santa Rosa,	" 45,	25 50	51 00	76 50
Woodland,	" 46,	11 50	23 00	34 50
Lassen,	" 47,	10 25	20 50	30 75
Dixon,	" 48,	14 75	29 50	44 25
Modesto,	" 49,	10 75	21 50	32 25
Ventura,	" 50,	13 00	26 00	39 00
Corinthian,	" 51,	13 25	26 50	39 75
Humboldt,	" 52,	30 50	61 00	91 50
Ukiah,	" 53,	19 25	38 50	57 75
Keystone,	" 56,	11 00	22 00	33 00
Signet,	" 57,	81 25	162 50	243 75
Salinas,	" 59,	19 75	39 50	59 25
Colusa,	" 60,	8 75	17 50	26 25
San Diego,	" 61,	22 25	44 50	66 75
San Luis,	" 62,	21 00	42 00	63 00
St. Helena,	" 63,	7 50	15 00	22 50
Acacia,	" 64,	5 00	10 00	15 00
Antioch,	" 65,	6 25	12 50	18 75
Doric,	" 66,	12 00	24 00	36 00
Riverside,	" 67,	17 25	34 50	51 75
Hollister,	" 68,	9 25	18 50	27 75
Trigo,	" 69,	11 50	23 00	34 50
Alameda,	" 70,	14 75	29 50	44 25
Tulare,	" 71,	9 50	19 00	28 50
Crown,	" 72,	24 00	48 00	72 00
Orange,	" 73,	13 00	26 00	39 00
Hanford,	" 74,	9 00	18 00	27 00
Kern Valley,	" 75,	5 75	11 50	17 25
Pomona,	" 76,	10 25	20 50	30 75
Redlands,	" 77,	10 75	21 50	32 25

Making a total of.....\$1284 75 \$2569 50 \$3854 25

Making total receipts for dues.....\$3854 25

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. FLINT, JR.,	} Committee.
SHERMAN W. MARSH,	
GEO. H. KNIGHT,	
W. P. BUTCHER,	

Which report was concurred in.

The Grand Chapter was then called off until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

In Grand Chapter.

MORNING SESSION,
Wednesday, April 22d, A. I. 2426. }

The Grand Chapter was called on at ten o'clock, the Grand High Priest presiding.

After music by the choir and prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Comp. CHARLES JOSEPH WILLETT, from the Committee on By-Laws, presented the following report :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

Your Committee on By-Laws having duly considered the following amendments, which were submitted for its examination, to wit :—

1. *Shasta* Chapter, No. 9...Relative to changing time of stated meeting ;
2. *Merced* " " 12...Relative to reduction of fees ;
3. *St. James* " " 16...Relative to reduction of fees ;
4. *Trinity* " " 19...Relative to reduction of fees ;
5. *Georgetown* " " 25...Relative to changing time of stated meeting ;
6. *Napa* " " 30...Relative to reduction of fees ;
7. *Siloam* " " 37...Relative to reduction of dues ;
8. *Santa Cruz* " " 38...Relative to reduction of fees ;
9. *Santa Rosa* " " 45...Relative to reduction of fees ;
10. *Modesto* " " 49...Relative to reduction of fees ;
11. *Keystone* " " 56...Relative to reduction of dues ;
12. *Tulare* " " 71...Relative to reduction of fees ;
13. *Hanford* " " 74...Relative to reduction of fees ;
14. *Redlands* " " 77...Relative to changing time of stated meeting—

would respectfully report that, as the foregoing amendments are clearly within the powers of the subordinate Chapters, and are not in conflict with the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, and have been approved by the M. E. Grand High Priest, we recommend that his action be affirmed by the Grand Chapter.

In this connection, your committee would suggest that a more careful attention to the Regulations of the Grand Chapter with regard to amendments and their proper certification by the Secretaries of Chapters, would relieve the Grand High Priest of considerable labor and improve very much the appearance of the records.

Especial attention is called to General Regulation No. 23.

All which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES JOSEPH WILLETT,
FREDERICK ADAMS,
JOHN GOULD BIERRE,
HUGH JAMES OWEN, } Committee.

Which report was concurred in.

Comp. EDWARD COLEMAN, from the Special Committee on the Address of the Grand High Priest, presented the following report :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

Your committee, to whom was referred the Address of our Grand High Priest, respectfully report that we have endeavored to give the paper such consideration as its merits deserve and the limited time at our disposal would permit.

Your committee congratulates the Grand Chapter on the efficient and disinterested fidelity with which its affairs have been administered by your Grand High Priest. As we follow him in the discharge of his various duties, we are constantly reminded of his unselfish devotion to the principles of our beloved Order and of his intelligent treatment of the questions that have been submitted to him for consideration during the past year.

We recommend the reference of the several subject matters contained in the Address to the following committees :

To the Committee on Jurisprudence :—

So much as refers to the special dispensation granted to *San Francisco Chapter, No. 1* ;

So much as refers to appeal in conformity with Section 1, Article XIX, of the Constitution, referring to *Crown Chapter, No. 72* ;

So much as refers to decision on Section 5, Article XVII, when fee had not been paid at time of balloting ;

So much as refers to name of applicant being given in full ;

So much as refers to application for the degrees when fees do not accompany the same, and supplying omission in absence of applicant, and standing of applicant in Chapter if ballot had been taken ;

So much as refers to membership in Chapter where all degrees had not been conferred in same Chapter ;

So much as refers to amending General Regulation No. 26 ;

So much as refers to the so-called Masonic Cerneau degrees ;

Also, so much of the Address as refers to the expulsion of GRANVILLE M. FRANCES by *Stockton Chapter, No. 28*.

To the Committee on By-Laws :—

So much of the Address as refers to the amendment of By-Laws approved by the Grand High Priest and reported by the Grand Secretary ;

So much of the Address as refers to *Bentley Chapter, No. 7*. Your committee respectfully suggest that the whole subject matter be referred to your incoming Grand High Priest, with like powers to act as were granted to our present Grand High Priest.

Companions, death has been among us, and once more we are called to mourn the departure of those with whom we have held sweet communion in the years that are gone. Their places in our councils are vacant, but we remember them as those who have passed the Vail of their earthly pilgrimage, and we recommend so much of the Grand High Priest's Address as refers to the death of our lamented friend and Companion, Past Grand High Priest CHAWFORD, and Comp. BELCHER, be referred to a Special Memorial Committee, to be appointed by the Grand High Priest.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Your committee have examined the report of the Grand Secretary, and recommend that so much thereof as pertains to the finances of the Grand Chapter, be referred to the Committee on Finances ;

That so much of the report as refers to *Libanus* Chapter, No. 17, be referred to the Finance Committee ;

That so much as refers to the expulsion of Comp. POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON and Comp. GRANVILLE M. FRANCES by *Stockton* Chapter, No. 28, be referred to the Committee on Grievances ;

That so much as refers to *La Fayette* Chapter, No. 24, and *Alturas* Chapter, No. 34, be referred to the Grand High Priest, with power to take such action in the premises as he may think proper.

Before closing, your committee wish to bear testimony as to the zeal and fidelity of the Grand Secretary in all his official relations with this Grand Chapter.

Your committee repeat the approvals heretofore often made by this committee of the efficient manner in which the duties of the Grand Secretary's office have been administered by Comp. T. H. CASWELL.

All which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD COLEMAN, }
WILEY J. TINKIN, } Committee.
WM. VANDERHURST, }

Which report was concurred in, the recommendations adopted, and the references made as therein recommended.

Comp. THEODORE EDWARD SMITH, from the Committee on Pay of Delegates, presented the following report :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

Your committee, to whom was referred the apportionment of the Representative Fund, having performed that duty, would recommend that the following amounts be allowed to the delegates of Chapters who were in attendance on the first day of the Convocation :—

Name and Number of Chapter.	No.	Dues to Rep. Fund.	When Represented.	Am't Allowed
<i>San Francisco,</i>	1.....	\$212 00....	Paid.....1st day.....	\$ 6 00
<i>Sonora,</i>	2.....	20 50....	Paid..... "	21 70
<i>Sacramento,</i>	3.....	134 50....	Paid..... "	11 00
<i>California,</i>	5.....	276 50....	Paid..... "	6 00
<i>Nevada,</i>	6.....	29 50....	Paid..... "	19 60
<i>Benicia,</i>	7.....	.....	.....	.....
<i>Shasta,</i>	9.....	81 00	Paid.....1st day.....	21 80
<i>Sutter,</i>	11.....	20 50	Paid..... "	17 00
<i>Merced,</i>	12.....	18 00....	Paid..... .....	.....
<i>Washington,</i>	13.....	61 00....	Paid.....1st day.....	14 20
<i>Howard,</i>	14.....	71 50....	Paid..... "	8 60
<i>Oyrus,</i>	15.....	42 00....	Paid..... "	31 10
<i>St. James,</i>	16.....	22 00....	Paid..... "	17 80
<i>Grass Valley,</i>	18.....	39 00....	Paid..... "	18 60
<i>Trinity,</i>	19.....	12 50....	Paid..... "	33 10
<i>Franklin,</i>	20.....	37 00....	Paid..... "	15 00
<i>Sierra,</i>	21.....	16 00....	Paid..... "	32 00
<i>Petaluma,</i>	22.....	28 00....	Paid..... "	8 00
<i>La Fayette.</i>	24.....	6 50....	Paid..... .....	.....
<i>Georgetown,</i>	25.....	13 00....	Paid.....1st day.....	18 20
<i>Delta,</i>	27.....	23 00....	Paid..... "	13 20
<i>Stockton,</i>	28.....	43 50....	Paid..... " .....	.....

Name and Number of Chapter.	No.	Dues to Rep. Fund.	When Represented.	Am't Allowed.
<i>Manzanilla,</i>	29.....	\$23 50....Paid.....	1st day.....	\$23 60
<i>Napa,</i>	" 30.....	21 50....Paid.....	"	9 00
<i>Martinez,</i>	" 31.....	24 50....Paid.....	"	8 00
<i>Los Angeles,</i>	" 33.....	38 00....Paid.....	"	36 00
<i>Alturas,</i>	" 34.....	.....	.....	.....
<i>Naval,</i>	" 35.....	32 50....Paid.....	1st day.....	8 00
<i>Oakland,</i>	" 36.....	109 50....Paid.....	"	6 00
<i>Siloam,</i>	" 37.....	24 00....Paid.....	"	15 10
<i>Santa Cruz,</i>	" 38.....	23 50....Paid.....	"	11 60
<i>Donner,</i>	" 39.....	28 00....Paid.....	.....	.....
<i>Red Bluff,</i>	" 40.....	29 00....Paid.....	1st day.....	18 00
<i>Temple,</i>	" 41.....	20 50....Paid.....	"	11 60
<i>Chico,</i>	" 42.....	34 50....Paid.....	"	16 80
<i>Solano,</i>	" 43.....	30 50....Paid.....	"	9 00
<i>Visalia,</i>	" 44.....	20 50....Paid.....	"	21 50
<i>Santa Rosa,</i>	" 45.....	51 00....Paid.....	"	9 00
<i>Woodland,</i>	" 46.....	23 00....Paid.....	.....	.....
<i>Lassen,</i>	" 47.....	20 50....Paid.....	1st day.....	38 00
<i>Dixon,</i>	" 48.....	29 50....Paid.....	"	10 20
<i>Modesto,</i>	" 49.....	21 50....Paid.....	"	12 20
<i>Ventura,</i>	" 50.....	26 00....Paid.....	"	36 00
<i>Corinthian,</i>	" 51.....	26 50....Paid.....	"	36 00
<i>Humboldt,</i>	" 52.....	61 00....Paid.....	"	26 00
<i>Ukiah,</i>	" 53.....	38 50....Paid.....	"	15 00
<i>Keystone,</i>	" 56.....	22 00....Paid.....	"	39 60
<i>Signet,</i>	" 57.....	162 50....Paid.....	"	36 00
<i>Salinas,</i>	" 59.....	39 50....Paid.....	"	12 60
<i>Cotusa,</i>	" 60.....	17 50....Paid.....	"	15 50
<i>San Diego,</i>	" 61.....	44 50....Paid.....	"	46 00
<i>San Luis,</i>	" 62.....	42 00....Paid.....	"	21 30
<i>St. Helena,</i>	" 63.....	15 00....Paid.....	"	10 10
<i>Acacia,</i>	" 64.....	10 00....Paid.....	"	43 00
<i>Antioch,</i>	" 65.....	12 50....Paid.....	"	9 00
<i>Doric,</i>	" 68.....	24 00....Paid.....	"	6 60
<i>Riverside,</i>	" 67.....	34 50....Paid.....	"	39 50
<i>Hollister,</i>	" 68.....	18 50....Paid.....	"	11 30
<i>Trigo,</i>	" 69.....	23 00....Paid.....	"	17 80
<i>Alameda,</i>	" 70.....	29 50....Paid.....	"	6 00
<i>Tulare,</i>	" 71.....	19 00....Paid.....	"	20 50
<i>Oroton,</i>	" 72.....	48 00....Paid.....	"	36 50
<i>Orange,</i>	" 73.....	26 00....Paid.....	"	38 10
<i>Hanford,</i>	" 74.....	18 00....Paid.....	"	19 80
<i>Kern Valley,</i>	" 76.....	11 50....Paid.....
<i>Pomona,</i>	" 76.....	20 50....Paid.....	1st day.....	38 00
<i>Redlands,</i>	" 77.....	21 50....Paid.....	"	40 10
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				\$1196 50

We also recommend that the following amounts be allowed the Grand Officers in attendance, viz: to the—

Grand High Priest.....	\$12 20	Grand Treasurer.....	\$ 6 00
Deputy Grand High Priest.....	11 30	Grand Chaplain.....	6 00
Grand King.....	6 00	Grand Captain of the Host.....	36 50
Grand Scribe.....	46 00	Grand Royal Arch Captain.....	11 00
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			\$135 00

Also to—

Chairman of Finance Committee,..\$14 30	William Thomas Reynolds,.....\$ 9 00
William Monroe Petrie,..... 14 00	Lewis Cass Wittenmyer,..... 11 00
Ianthis Jerome Rolfe,..... 22 60	
	<u>\$70 90</u>

RECAPITULATION :

Amount allowed to Grand Officers,.....	\$ 135 00
Amount allowed to Delegates,.....	1195 50
Amount allowed to members of the Finance Committee,.....	70 90
Total amount of allowance,.....	<u>\$1402 40</u>

All which is respectfully submitted.

THEODORE EDWARD SMITH, W. W. LYMAN, AUGUST WACKERBARTH, WILLIAM BROCKMAN, T. W. DEULLARD,	}	Committee.
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Which report was concurred in, and the several amounts were ordered paid as recommended.

Comp. JOSEPH BAILEY COOKE presented the following amendment to Article XII, Section 2, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, and moved its reference to the Committee on Jurisprudence :—

Amend Section 2, of Article XII, to read as follows :—

“ He shall execute and file with the Grand High Priest, within fifteen days after his installation, a bond (furnished by some legally incorporated surety company, incorporated for that purpose), to be approved by the Grand High Priest, and conditioned that he will faithfully discharge his duties, and, at the end of his term of office, pay over and transfer to his successor all funds or property of the Grand Chapter which shall have come into his keeping. He shall receive such compensation as the Grand Chapter may determine.”

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, reported orally that the committee, having considered the foregoing amendment, recommended its adoption. Whereupon the report was concurred in, and, on separate vote taken, the proposed amendment was adopted by more than the constitutional majority.

The Grand Chapter was then called off until one o'clock this afternoon.



In Grand Chapter.

AFTERNOON SESSION,
Wednesday, April 22d, A. I. 2426. }

The Grand Chapter was called on at one o'clock, the Grand High Priest presiding.

Comp. CHARLES LEWIS PATTON, from the Committee on Grievances, presented the following reports :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

Your Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the transcript of the trial record in the case of GRANVILLE A. FRAMBES, a Royal Arch Mason and member of *Oceana* Chapter, No. 56, located at Pentwater, in the State of Michigan, but at the time of said trial residing at Sacramento, in the State of California, upon charges in writing made to said *Sacramento* Chapter, No. 3, R. A. M., and by the Grand High Priest upon the request of the High Priest of *Sacramento* Chapter, No. 3, transferred for trial to *Stockton* Chapter, No. 28, R. A. M., of California, under the provisions of General Regulation No. 26 of the Grand Chapter of California, and who was expelled from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry by said *Stockton* Chapter, No. 28, R. A. M., have had the same under consideration, and report as follows :

The transcript comes to us handsomely prepared. Proceedings were in all respects regular. The evidence seems to be sufficient to justify the findings and sentence, and no appeal having been taken, the committee offers the following resolution and recommends its adoption :

Resolved, That the action of *Stockton* Chapter, No. 28, R. A. M., wherein GRANVILLE A. FRAMBES was expelled from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, be and the same is hereby affirmed and approved, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to notify the Grand Chapter of Michigan thereof.

Your Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the transcript of the trial record of POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON, a Royal Arch Mason, and, at the time of his trial a member in good standing of *Sacramento* Chapter, No. 3, R. A. M., upon charges duly preferred against him in writing for conduct unbecoming a Royal Arch Mason, which said charges were by the Grand High Priest, upon the request of the High Priest of said *Sacramento* Chapter, transferred to *Stockton* Chapter, No. 28, R. A. M., for trial under the provision of General Regulation No. 26 of the Grand Chapter of California, and to whom was referred the appeal of said POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON from the action of said *Stockton* Chapter, No. 28, expelling him from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, has carefully considered said trial record and said appeal, and report thereon, as follows :—

The first ground of appeal is, that even admitting that the charges and specifications are true, the matters so charged do not constitute unmasonic conduct.

The second ground of appeal is that the facts stated in the specifications and charges do not, if taken as true, constitute any violation of any valid law, rule, or regulation of Royal Arch Masonry.

The third ground of appeal is that the charges and specifications, and that the facts set forth thereon, do not constitute or show any violations of the laws, rules, regulations, or ancient landmarks of Royal Arch Masonry.

The fourth ground of appeal is that *Stockton* Chapter, No. 28, had no jurisdiction to try appellant for any of the alleged offenses set forth in the charges and specifications, for the reason that General Regulation No. 21, on which said proceedings are founded, is a violation of the Constitution, laws, rules and regulations, and ancient landmarks of Royal Arch Masonry, and is illegal, unconstitutional and void.

The fifth ground of appeal is that neither the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California, nor any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons subordinate thereto, has any jurisdiction or authority whatsoever to try appellant for the alleged offenses set forth in said charges and specifications.

To these grounds of appeal there can be but one answer, namely: the charges and specifications state clearly a violation of General Regulation No. 21 of the Grand Chapter of California, and are recommended as models under our law. The case was properly transferred to *Stockton* Chapter, No. 28, R. A. M., under General Regulation No. 26, and the proceedings are recommended as models for future guidance.

The very statement of these five grounds of appeal is reprehensible and violative of the principles and groundwork of our Order, and such a statement on appeal is sufficient in itself to justify the expulsion of the appellant from our Order.

The sixth ground of appeal is that the proof in the case is not sufficient to warrant the finding of the committee of said Chapter No. 28, or the judgment and sentence of expulsion. The particulars in which the proof is alleged to have been insufficient are not stated, and the committee might, therefore, disregard this ground of appeal; but, as the object of this committee is to do even and exact justice, the invariable rule is, and has been, to hear and consider any case brought before it, disregarding technical objections. It has also been the rule of this committee to hear any additional evidence which might be adduced before it; therefore, the appellant had an opportunity to be heard before your committee, but did not choose to avail himself of the privilege.

The committee have, however, examined the record minutely, and have also heard additional testimony from Companion OLIVE WILLIAM PORTER, a member of *Sacramento* Chapter, No. 8, and others, and it appearing from the record of the trial of said POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON before this committee, as well as from the testimony heard by the committee, that the appellant was guilty of the offenses charged against him in the charges and specifications, and that the evidence was sufficient to warrant the findings of the committee of said Chapter No. 28, and the sentence of expulsion imposed, your committee finds that said appeal is totally without merit, that the proceedings in said matter were in all respects regular, and offers the following resolution and recommends its adoption:

Resolved, That the action of *Stockton* Chapter, No. 28, R. A. M., whereby POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON was expelled from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, be and the same is hereby approved and affirmed, and that the appeal of said POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON from the sentence, findings and judgment of said *Stockton* Chapter, No. 28, be and the same is hereby dismissed.

Respectfully submitted.

CHAS. L. PATTON, L. C. WITTENMYER, E. KEIL, J. B. RICHARDSON, JOSEPH B. COOKE,	} Committee.
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Which reports were concurred in, and the resolutions accompanying the same were unanimously adopted.

Comp. THOMAS FLINT, Jr., from the Committee on Finances, presented the following reports :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Your Committee on Finances, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Secretary's report relative to dues from members of the late *Libanus* Chapter, No. 17, recommend that the action of the Grand Secretary in that respect be approved.

Your Committee on Finances, to whom was referred a resolution relative to compensation to the Grand Treasurer, beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the subject, and submit the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of \$100 be and is hereby appropriated out of the funds of this Grand Chapter as salary for the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Your Committee on Finances, to whom was referred sundry bills incurred under the direction of the M. E. Grand High Priest in the cases of LAWSON and FRAMBES, have carefully examined the same, and recommend that they be paid as follows, as per bills rendered :

To Myrick & Deering.....	\$526 90
To McKune & George.....	150 00
To Stockton Chapter, No. 28.....	16 15
Total.....	\$693 05

Your Committee on Finances recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year, viz :—

Expenses of Delegates Convocation of 1896.....	\$1,196 50
“ “ Grand Officers.....	135 00
“ “ Finance Committee.....	70 90
Salary of Grand Secretary.....	1,800 00
“ “ “ Treasurer.....	100 00
“ “ “ Organist.....	25 00
“ “ “ Guard.....	25 00
Printing and binding proceedings for 1896.....	700 00
Contingent expenses of Grand Secretary.....	200 00
Rent of Grand Secretary's office.....	180 00
Expenses of Grand High Priest in visiting subordinate Chapters.....	200 00
Dues to General Grand Chapter.....	51 78
Chairman Committee on Correspondence 1896.....	200 00
Total.....	\$4,884 18

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS FLINT, JR., WILLIAM T. REYNOLDS, WILLIAM M. PETRIE, L. C. WITTENMYER, I. J. ROLFE,	} Committee.
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Which reports, having been separately considered, were severally concurred in, the resolutions and recommendations accompanying the same adopted, and the appropriations as reported were ordered paid.

The Grand High Priest elect announced the following appointments for the ensuing year, viz :

Grand Chaplain,.....	Comp. CHARLES E STONE,.....	of Washington, No. 13;
Grand Lecturer,.....	" THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,.....	of Nevada, No. 6;
Grand Capt. of the Host, ..	" EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....	of Stockton, No. 28;
Grand Royal Arch Capt., ..	" SAMUEL HOPKINS WAGNER,.....	of Howard, No. 14;
Grand Organist,	" SAMUEL DAVID MAYER,.....	of California, No. 5;
Grand Guard,.....	" JAMES OGLESBY,.....	of California, No. 5.

The hour for the special order—the installation of Grand Officers—having arrived, the elected and appointed Grand Officers were severally installed in their respective stations by *M. E.* ADOLPHUS HEWEL, Past Grand High Priest, assisted by *M. E.* WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, Past Grand High Priest, as Master of the Ceremonies.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES presented the following resolution, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Finances:—

Resolved, That the sum of five dollars be appropriated to the Masonic Collector's Association, of which Past Grand Master JAMES W. STATON, of Kentucky, is President, and Past Grand Master S. STACKER WILLIAMS, of Ohio, is Secretary, to aid said association in the work of building up Masonic libraries by the preservation of Masonic literature, proceedings, etc., for the current year, and one dollar a year hereafter until the further order of this Grand Body.

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California:—

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the above resolution, report favorably thereon and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS FLINT, JR.,	} Committee.
WILLIAM M. PETRIE,	
L. C. WITTENMYER,	
I. J. ROLFE,	
WILLIAM T. REYNOLDS,	

Which report was concurred in, and the resolution referred to was, on motion, unanimously adopted.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, recommended the adoption of the following General Regulation in place of Regulation No. 26 as heretofore adopted, viz:—

That upon the application of the High Priest of a Chapter in this jurisdiction, to whom charges for the violation of the Constitution or General Regulations of the Grand Chapter have been presented, or where charges have been ordered preferred by the Grand High Priest, and the Grand High Priest is satisfied that from existing circumstances a fair trial of the accused cannot be had in the said Chapter, he may transfer the trial of the accused from the Chapter of which he is a member, or in

whose jurisdiction he may reside, to some other Chapter to be named by him in the order of transfer, and the Chapter to which such charges are transferred shall have the same authority and jurisdiction over the same as though they had been originally presented therein and affected one of its own members.

Which proposed General Regulation was, on motion, unanimously adopted.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the following report:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, referring to the Address of the Grand High Priest and the matters therein apportioned for our consideration, respectfully report:

Referring to the issuance of a dispensation to *San Francisco* Chapter, No. 1, we recommend the approval of his action.

We have examined the decisions reported by him; we commend them to the attention of our companions and recommend their approval by the Grand Chapter. The Grand High Priest deserves the thanks of all for his patient attention to the inquiries for "more light."

Of his action in matters connected with the violation of the laws of this Grand Chapter, by disturbing elements within our jurisdiction, we have only words of approval, and but for the belief that our record should be complete in the condemnation of this Masonic fraud, your committee would rest their report without further comment. Although the action of our Grand High Priest, in his unselfish devotion to the interests of this Grand Body, deserve more than passing approval.

The adoption of the regulation, under which this action was had, originated in the Address of Grand High Priest LEONIDAS E. PRATT, in 1884, who, referring to this subject, said:—

"It has been the almost invariable practice and policy of the Masonic Grand Bodies of this State to frown upon whatever savors of rebellion, insubordination, or invasion of jurisdiction; and this policy, in my judgment, should be rigidly adhered to. Indeed, our own peace, security and independence require it. But it has equally been our policy not to rush recklessly or unadvisedly into controversies between other Grand Bodies. Let us first be sure where the right rests. Let us first learn definitely that the given case is in fact one of rebellion or invasion; and this being fully established, let us throw the whole weight of our moral and Masonic influence to the aid and support of the wronged and legitimate body.

"But there is a matter of character cognate to the foregoing within our own jurisdiction, concerning which we are already sufficiently informed to take decided action. It is a matter which in a goodly measure, either directly or remotely, affects every Mason owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge of California; a matter upon which both our companions and our brethren of the blue Lodge cannot be too fully or too speedily advised. It is a matter more particularly and especially for the Grand Master and Grand Lodge than for the Grand High Priest and Grand Chapter. But the case is one of such palpable, broad and glaring outrage that I think it both proper and commendable that every legitimate Masonic body in the State should fulminate its thunders against the iniquity. I refer to the selling, peddling and hawking of what are pretended and alleged to be the Scottish Rite degrees, under the pretended authority of that spurious body self-styled the *Cerneau Council*. A bolder or more shameless Masonic fraud was probably never perpetrated or attempted. Our young and unsuspecting Masons are being cajoled and duped by the score, and perhaps by the hundred, by these Masonic sharps, quacks and charlatans, who for their own profit make merchandise of Freemasonry. That the so-called *Supreme Council of the United States of America*, and its progenitor, the self-constituted *Cerneau Council*, under the authority of which the impostors profess to work, are spurious, clandestine, and without any Masonic warrant, there can no longer be any doubt whatever; and the poor victims who are seduced into the arms of this hideous monster are, unwittingly perhaps, but none the less truly, violating the plain spirit and

import, if not the exact letter, of the obligations which they assumed at the very outset of their Masonic career. The men who have introduced and are now promoting this *nasty* scheme (I use that not very refined or elegant expression with an apology, but it seems to be the only word that will convey my supreme disgust), these men, I say, should be denounced in the roundest and most unmeasured terms, and should, in my judgment, be speedily expelled from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry. Masonic death alone is indeed no adequate punishment for such atrocities. There should be some way to set the brand of infamy upon them in such a way that all the world might read it. I hope most fervently that this Grand Body will not close its labors without a clear, ringing and unmistakable expression of its utter condemnation of the contemptible outrage."

In accordance with the opinions of the Grand High Priest, who, from his experience as Grand Master for four years in California, during which time he had acquired and retained the confidence and esteem of this Grand Chapter as an accomplished and reliable mentor in Masonic jurisprudence, Past Grand High Priest JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH introduced the regulation, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and afterwards became General Regulation No. 21.

The committee reported as follows:—

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence have given consideration to the standing regulations proposed by Companion Past Grand High Priest JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH, defining the Masonic powers in existence whose regularity and standing, being acknowledged by the Masonic world, should be affirmed by this Grand Chapter for the protection of legally and regularly organized Masonic bodies, and especially for the continuance of the harmony necessary for the prosperity of the bodies of Royal Arch Masons of our obedience.

"All well informed Masons are aware that the list of bodies enumerated by Comp. ENGLISH, embody the legitimate Masonry of the world. We have not the time at our disposal, and do not propose to enter into an analysis of the disputes of Masonic powers of years gone by. It is enough for your committee to know that for a quarter of a century the organizations named in the proposed regulations have constituted the Masonic world, and comprise the whole of legitimate Masonry; and for the reason that we desire this Grand Chapter to speak in no uncertain tones when organization and order are in question, and that all who seek information as to pretended orders may have a reliable record at hand to furnish it, we recommend the adoption of the regulations herein referred to, and that they constitute, as a whole, General Regulation No. 21."

The report of the committee was concurred in, the regulation adopted, and upon motion of Comp. FRANCIS E. BAKER the Grand Secretary was directed to issue circulars to the subordinate Chapters embodying the regulation.

No protest was heard until the second day of the session of 1886, when Comp. BAKER moved to repeal the regulation, but the session being near its close no report was had until the session of 1887, when the committee made an elaborate report, for which see page 526, volume 8, proceedings. The committee closed their report with the recommendation that the resolution of Comp. BAKER be not adopted. As the journal records—"The report was concurred in and the recommendation adopted with almost entire unanimity."

In his Address to the Grand Chapter in 1895, Grand High Priest ELLISON L. CRAWFORD again called the attention of the Grand Chapter to the matter in the following words:—

"My attention has recently been called to one GRANVILLE A. FRANKS, who is traveling over our jurisdiction peddling certain so-called Masonic degrees, claiming that they are the genuine, and that he had been recognised by the Grand Bodies of the world. General Regulation 21 very clearly defines what are the true and legitimate bodies of Masonry, and should be strictly enforced. The course of the said FRANKS is creating discord and confusion among the Chapters of this jurisdiction. In his course the said FRANKS is aided and abetted by members owing allegiance to this Grand Chapter. I can but say that the High Priests of the Chapters of which said aiders and abettors are members have been derelict of their duty in not enforcing General Regulation 21, after the decided action of the Grand Chapter at the session of 1892 (see proceedings, pages 277-278.)"

Upon the reference of this Address, the Committee on Jurisprudence repeated their previous admonitions, and called the attention of the executive head to these persistent violations of the authority of this Grand Chapter, and advised that the offenders be brought to trial for their disloyal acts.

Your present Grand High Priest, in the discharge of his duties, has investigated the doings of the disturbers, and has reported his conclusions, with his action in vindication of the laws and edicts of the Grand Chapter, and your committee, having given the same their earnest consideration, submit for your consideration the following preamble and resolutions, and recommend their adoption, to the end that the authority of the Grand Chapter be vindicated in its edicts and judgments:—

WHEREAS, This Grand Chapter did, at its Annual Convocation in 1884, adopt General Regulation No. 21, which defines all the legitimate, regularly constituted and acknowledged Masonic organizations in the world, and declares it to be an unmasonic act for any Royal Arch Mason of this obedience to take or receive any so-called Masonic degree other than those named in said Regulation, or to be concerned in communicating, conferring, selling or soliciting any one to take or receive any other so-called Masonic degree than those named in the said regulation; and

WHEREAS, Companion POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON, a member of *Sacramento* Royal Arch Chapter, No. 3, and a member of this Grand Chapter, has, by his admission under oath, in a complaint filed in the Superior Court of Sacramento county, within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, not only acknowledged his violation of said General Regulation No. 21, but in connection therewith has caused to be published in said complaint both false and slanderous charges against the Masonic integrity of this Grand Body, to wit: "That it was influenced and controlled in its legislation by certain conspirators," banded together herein for that purpose, the intent of said charges and their effect being to discredit and bring into contempt the acts and authority of this Grand Chapter, and to destroy its influence as the governing power of Royal Arch Masonry at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, Companions POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON and GRANVILLE A. FRAMBES, a member of *Oceanos* Chapter, No. 51, located at Pentwater, in the State of Michigan, have by order of the Grand High Priest been brought to trial for their offenses, and by a commission of their companions found guilty as charged, and by said commission sentenced to be expelled from the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry; therefore,

Resolved, That the verdicts in the cases of POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON and GRANVILLE A. FRAMBES, tried in *Stockton* Chapter, No. 28, said cases having been transferred from *Sacramento* Chapter, No. 3, to said *Stockton* Chapter, No. 28, by order of the Grand High Priest, be and the same are hereby approved, and the action of the Grand High Priest in all matters connected with the prosecution of said LAWSON and FRAMBES for a violation of the edicts of this Grand Chapter and in the vindication of its authority as the governing body of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction, be and the same is fully approved.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM A. DAVIES, JACOB H. NEEF, HENRY H. KNAPP, WILLIAM VANDERHURST, MILTON H. MYRICK,	}	Committee.
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Which report was concurred in, and the preamble and resolutions accompanying the same were unanimously adopted.

Comp. MILTON HILLS MYRICK presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, viz:—

Resolved, That the High Priest of each Chapter in this jurisdiction be and he is directed to cause to be read in his Chapter, at the first regular communication after the receipt by him of these proceedings, Regulation 21, the reports of the Committee on Grievances in the cases of LAWSON and FRANKS, and the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence on the subject of the so-called Cerneau Scottish Rite.

Resolved, That a copy of those resolutions, Regulation 21 and the above reports be printed, and a copy sent to each Royal Arch Mason in this jurisdiction through the Secretary of the respective Chapters.

Resolved, That the Secretary of each Chapter in this jurisdiction, upon receipt of the copies of said papers, be required to send a copy to each member of his Chapter.

The Grand High Priest announced the following committee—

On Obituaries :	{	Comp. Milton Hills Myrick,
	"	Edward Coleman,
	"	Jacob Hart Neff.

The committee was instructed to furnish its report, when prepared, to the Grand Secretary for publication with the proceedings of this present Grand Convocation.

The following is the report above referred to, which was fully concurred in and adopted by the Grand Chapter, in advance of its writing, viz :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :

Your committee, appointed to make report concerning the deaths of *M. E.* ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD, Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, and Comp. WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER, of Washington Chapter, No. 13, beg leave to submit the following :—

The death of each of these companions is deserving especial note ; that of *M. E.* Comp. CRAWFORD by reason of his long and faithful service as an active member and officer of this Body, and that of Comp. BELCHER by reason of his enthusiastic affection for the Order and the high esteem in which he was held, as well by the Craft as by the general public.

We cannot assume to voice the sentiments of the members of the Order or of the people at large regarding these eminent companions. Only as we miss them from day to day and year to year in our deliberations and in the activities of life shall we realize how great was our affection for them and how empty will be the places they filled.

The Address of the *M. E.* Grand High Priest at this Convocation contains in fitting words a history of the Masonic careers of these companions. We cannot add thereto either in apt expression or warm encomium.

Comp. BELCHER was a scholar of rare accomplishments, of polished mind, learned in literature and learned in the law ; ever ready to contribute largely of his store of knowledge.

In order that the names of the companions may have permanent place in the list of our honored dead, we submit the following :—

Resolved, That we hold in high esteem the long and honorable lives of these companions, and that we cherish their memories as being living exemplifications of the principles of our Order.

Resolved, That in the published proceedings a page be given to each of these companions, to the end that it be forever on record that *M. E. ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD* and *Comp. WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER* were honored members of the Royal Craft and distinguished men in the world at large.

All which is respectfully submitted.

MILTON HILLS MYRICK,
EDWARD COLEMAN,
JACOB HART NEFF, } *Committee.*

On motion of *Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, M. E.* *ADOLPHUS HEWEL* was requested to sit for his portrait, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to have it placed in the portrait gallery of the Grand Chapter.

On motion of *Comp. WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE*, the retiring Grand High Priest, *M. E.* *ADOLPHUS HEWEL*, was also requested to furnish to the Grand Secretary a photograph, and the Grand Secretary was further instructed to have a steel plate engraving made therefrom for publication in the proceedings.

The Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees for the ensuing year, viz :—

On Jurisprudence:

Comp. William Abraham Davies,
" *Adolphus Hewel,*
" *Milton Hills Myrick,*
" *William Vanderhurst,*
" *Charles Lewis Patton.*

On Finances:

Comp. Thomas Flint, Jr.,
" *William Monroe Petrie,*
" *Ianthis Jerome Rolfe,*
" *William Thomas Reynolds,*
" *Lewis Cass Wittenmyer.*

On Correspondence:

Comp. William Abraham Davies,
" *Robert Ash,*
" *George Hayes Monroe,*
" *Nehemiah Blackstock,*
" *James Robert Tapscott.*

The business of the Grand Chapter being all completed, the minutes of the day were read and approved, and the Grand Chapter of California was closed in *Ample Form*.

THOMAS FLINT, SR.,
Grand High Priest.

Attest:

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,
Grand Secretary.

This Mourning Page,

**BY ORDER OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPTER OF
CALIFORNIA,**

IS GIVEN TO THE MEMORY OF

M.: E.: Ellison Lassell Crawford,

**Who was born in the Town of Castine, State of Maine,
On the twenty-ninth day of January, 1833,
And who died in Georgetown, State of California,
On the twenty-second day of June, 1895.**

HE HAD BEEN

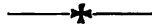
Master of Georgetown Lodge, No. 25, F. & A. M., for five years:

High Priest of Georgetown Chapter, No. 25, R. A. M., for seventeen years;

AND

GRAND HIGH PRIEST

Of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California.



**Of him it may be truly said that he was
A faithful, and, to the last, an active and zealous Mason.
A companion of generous thoughts and charitable deeds,
He leaves us nought but pleasant memories.**

This Mourning Page,

BY ORDER OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPTER OF
CALIFORNIA,

IS GIVEN TO THE MEMORY OF

William Caldwell Belcher,

Who was born in the Town of Stockbridge, in the State of Vermont,

On the twelfth day of December, 1820 ;

And who died in the City of San Francisco, State of California,

On the first day of September, 1895.

HE WAS, DURING A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS,

Master of Corinthian Lodge, No. 69.

HE HAD BEEN

Grand Master of the Grand Council, R. & S. M.,

AND

Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, K. T.,

ALL OF THIS STATE,

AND WAS FOR THREE TERMS, FROM 1862 TO 1865,

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS

IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.



A Chief in Masonry, by none surpassed
Of those who followed or preceded him.

In Memoriam.



California Chapter, No. 5.

COMP. ISAAC STANWOOD LOCKE, P. H. P.

March 13, 1895.

COMP. REUBEN EDGAR RAIMOND, P. H. P.

September 17, 1895.



Sutter Chapter, No. 11.

COMP. ROBERT AITKIN, P. H. P.

October 8, 1895.



Franklin Chapter, No. 20.

COMP. EMANUEL BRIGGS MORGAN, P. H. P.

June 23, 1895.



Petaluma Chapter, No. 22.

COMP. LEVI HARTZELL PATTY, P. H. P.

May 26, 1895.

Georgetown Chapter, No. 25.

COMP. ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD, P. H. P. AND P. G. H. P.

June 22, 1895.

**Naval Chapter, No. 35.**

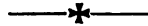
COMP. CHARLES DALY, P. H. P.

October 7, 1895.

**Solano Chapter, No. 43.**

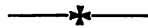
COMP. WILLIAM WOLF, P. H. P.

May 27, 1895.

**Lassen Chapter, No. 47.**

COMP. JOHN RANSHAW LOCKWOOD, P. H. P.

December—, 1895.

**Corinthian Chapter, No. 51.**

COMP. GEORGE EDWARD CHILDS, P. H. P.

February 7, 1895.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

ADOPTED APRIL, 1896.

ARTICLE XII.

Sec. 2. He shall execute and file with the Grand High Priest, within fifteen days after his installation, a bond (furnished by some legally incorporated surety company, incorporated for that purpose), to be approved by the Grand High Priest, and conditioned that he will faithfully discharge his duties, and, at the end of his term of office, pay over and transfer to his successor all funds or property of the Grand Chapter which shall have come into his keeping. He shall receive such compensation as the Grand Chapter may determine.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

OF THE

Grand Chapter of California.

1. The degree of Past Master must be conferred upon all candidates, notwithstanding that they may have previously had a degree of that name conferred upon them in a Convocation of Past Masters, by virtue of an election to preside over a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

2. All the Chapters under this jurisdiction are required, in the conferring of degrees, to conform to the ritual adopted by the Grand Chapter, at its special Convocation, in September, 1855.

3. Every Mark Master attached to a Chapter under this jurisdiction must, within six months after his admission, select his mark and record the same in a Book of Marks, kept by the Chapter for that purpose; and it is made the special duty of the Secretary of each Chapter to see that this regulation is complied with.

4. The term "nearest Chapter," used in the Constitution, means the nearest by geographical measurement.

5. No Masonic communication shall be held with a Royal Arch Mason who stands suspended as a Master Mason, for any cause.

6. Each Chapter under this jurisdiction shall pay, in addition to its annual dues, the sum of fifty cents for each Royal Arch Mason borne upon its roll at the date of its annual report; which additional assessment shall be used as a fund to defray the actual expenses of transportation of one delegate from each Chapter represented at the Annual Convocations of the Grand Chapter—the same to be apportioned by a special committee appointed for that purpose.

7. Whenever two or more Chapters exist in any city or town within this jurisdiction, it shall be the duty of each of such Chapters to notify the other or others, existing in the same place, of all applications presented to it for the degrees.

8. When, after an election of an applicant to receive the Chapter degrees, and he has received the Mark degree, an objection to his advancement is made at any time by a member, such objection shall be referred to a committee, with power to inquire into the cause thereof, who shall, at the next stated meeting, (unless further time be given) report thereon; and upon the reception of said report, if no cause for the objection has been assigned, or if the cause assigned be, in the opinion of two-thirds of the members present, not a valid and Masonic one, the Chapter may confer the degree in the same manner as if no objection had been made.

18. That it shall be the imperative duty of every Chapter in this jurisdiction, before it shall confer the Royal Arch degree upon any candidate, to require of said candidate a compliance with Regulation No. 3, relative to the selection and recording of his mark.

19. That no Chapter under dispensation in this jurisdiction shall receive a charter unless all the requirements of this Grand Chapter shall have been complied with and such Chapter is free from debt.

20. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of every Chapter in this jurisdiction to report to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter, immediately, all rejections, suspensions, exclusions, expulsions and restorations that may take place in their several Chapters; and it is hereby made the duty of the Grand Secretary to report to the several Chapters of the jurisdiction, every six months, all such rejections, suspensions, exclusions, expulsions and restorations so reported to him.

21. This Grand Chapter acknowledges no degree of Masonry or order of Knighthood to be legitimate and genuine except those conferred by, or under the authority of, the following regularly constituted Masonic bodies of the United States of America, and those of corresponding rank in foreign countries, to wit:

The Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons of the several States and Territories; the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, and the Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons of the States and Territories; the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States, and the Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters of the States and Territories; the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States and the Grand Commanderies of the States and Territories; the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, of which ALBERT PYKE is Grand Commander; and the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, of which HENRY L. PALMER is Grand Commander.

It is hereby declared that any Royal Arch Mason who shall hereafter take or receive any so called Masonic degree or order of Knighthood from any man or body of men not hereinbefore acknowledged to be legitimate and genuine, shall be liable to be expelled from all the rights and privileges of a Royal Arch Mason.

It is hereby further declared that any Royal Arch Mason who shall hereafter confer, communicate or sell, or be present at or assist in the conferring, communicating or selling, or solicit any one to take, receive or apply for any so-called Masonic degree or order of Knighthood, in any assemblage of men, no matter by what name soever it may be called, except it be held under the authority of one of the bodies hereinbefore acknowledged to be legitimate and genuine, shall be expelled from all the rights and privileges of a Royal Arch Mason.

22. It shall be the duty of every Royal Arch Mason to be a member of some Chapter; and every non-affiliated Royal Arch Mason who, having resided six months within this State, shall neglect to make application for membership to some Chapter therein, shall be deemed to occupy the same position as those suspended for non-payment of dues, and shall not be entitled to, nor be the recipient of, any of the rights, privileges or benefits of Capitular Masonry.

Non-affiliated Royal Arch Masons who occupy the position referred to in the preceding section, and who desire to restore themselves by affiliation, may do so upon payment of a sum equivalent to six months' dues of the Chapter to which they shall apply, in addition to the affiliation fee, if any, required by its by-laws.

23. That the *M. E.* Grand High Priest withhold his approval from all amendments to By-Laws of Chapters, unless the certificate shows that the amendment had received a two-thirds vote of the members present; that notice of such amendment had been given at the meeting preceding that on which the vote was taken; said certificate to be signed by the Secretary and authenticated by the seal of the Chapter.

24. That at all future Convocations of this Grand Chapter, no member thereof shall receive his per diem and transportation expenses from the Representative Fund until such Convocation shall have been regularly closed.

25. That whenever the charter or dispensation of any subordinate Chapter of this jurisdiction shall have been destroyed by fire, or otherwise, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, on satisfactory proof of such loss, to issue a duplicate charter or dispensation to such Chapter without charge.

26. That upon the application of the High Priest of a Chapter in this jurisdiction to whom charges for the violation of the Constitution or General Regulations of the Grand Chapter have been presented, or where charges have been ordered preferred by the Grand High Priest, and the Grand High Priest is satisfied from existing circumstances a fair trial of the accused cannot be had in the said Chapter, he may transfer the trial of the accused from the Chapter of which he is a member, or in whose jurisdiction he may reside, to some other Chapter to be named by him in the order of transfer, and the Chapter to which such charges are transferred shall have the same authority and jurisdiction over the same as though they had been originally presented therein and affected one of its own members.

RULES OF ORDER

OF THE

Grand Chapter of California.

RULE 1. When the Grand Chapter shall have assembled, the Grand Secretary shall call the roll of its members, and if a sufficient number of Chapters are represented, the Grand Chapter shall be opened. The Grand High Priest shall then appoint a Committee on Credentials, and no further business shall be transacted until after its report shall have been received.

RULE 2. After the reception of the Report on Credentials, the proceedings of the preceding Convocation shall be read by the Grand Secretary, unless their reading be dispensed with; the Address of the Grand High Priest, and the reports of the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, shall be presented, and appropriately referred, in the order here named; and the Grand High Priest shall appoint the regular committees, to whom all papers then in the hands of the Grand Secretary, requiring such reference, shall be at once referred. The Committee on Correspondence shall then present its annual report.

RULE 3. After the business of the Convocation is thus begun, the regular order for each session, during its continuance, shall be as follows:

1. Reading of the minutes of the last session.
2. Report of the Committee on Credentials.
3. Reception and action upon, or reference of, petitions, memorials and appeals.
4. Reports of Regular and Special Committees, and action thereupon.
5. Motions, resolutions, and other business.

RULE 4. All reports submitted, all petitions, memorials, or appeals presented, and all orders, motions, or resolutions, shall be in writing, and shall be read by the Grand Secretary, before any action is taken thereupon.

RULE 5. No motion to reconsider shall be entertained, unless made during the same session when the question proposed to be reconsidered was decided, nor unless such motion be made by one who voted with the majority upon that question.

RULE 6. When a day and hour shall have been named for the election of Grand Officers, such election shall, at that time, take precedence of all other business, unless the Grand Chapter, by a two-thirds vote, shall otherwise direct.

RULE 7. These rules shall only be suspended by unanimous consent, but may at any time be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RETURNS

OF THE

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER of CALIFORNIA

A. I. 2426.

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER, No. 1.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Ludwig Mathias Hoefler, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Curtis Holbrook Lindley, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Philip D Code, <i>King</i> ,	Gustav Henry Umbesen, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
James Frances Logan, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Edward Lande, <i>Master 3d Vall</i> ,
Benjamin Harris, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Edward John Vogel, <i>Master 2d Vall</i> ,
Henry Gilman Prince, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Charles Wesley Taber, <i>Master 1st Vall</i> ,
Benj. Loring Hesselstine, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	Edward Gilberts, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Louis Cohn,	Edward Taylor Anthony,	William Harvey Edwards,
Martin John Burke,	Isaac Philanson Kincaid,	William Henry Davis,
Milt'n Hills Myrick, F.G.H.P.	Charles Albert Warren,	Charles James King,
Stewart Menzies,	James Wright Anderson,	David Charles Smith,
Theodore Edward Smith,	Moubray Robert Dundas,	William Edmund Price.
Samuel Sternheim,	Milton Sidney Eisner,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adams, Adolph	Arnold, Cyrus Mills	Bauman, Sigmund
Adelstein, Samuel	Arnold, Louis Edgar	Bayle, John
Affolter, Joseph	Aschheim, Israel Julius	Bennett, George Wash'ton
Allen, George Preston	Ashford, Parker John	Bennett, James Henry
Allen, Isaac Patton	Backus, Samuel Woolsey	Bethel, Thomas Waldron
Allenberg, Charles	Baden, Samuel	Bingham, Henry Walker
Altshuler, Levi	Barrone, Santi Philippe	Blumenberg, Samuel Pardy
Andrews, Abram	Bass, Thomas Jefferson	Boettcher, Paul
Armer, Andrew Milton	Bassett, Charles Fallen	Booth, Frank Edmund
Armstrong, Rudolph	Baum, Simon	Bernstein, Morris Sello

Bowman, John Schmerl	Danforth, Edward Putnam	Frank, Emanuel Max
Boyd, Colin Macnicol	Danforth, Edwin	Fraser, John P
Brandenstein, Meyer	Darling, George Louis	Fried, Ignatius S
Browell, Jeremiah	Davis, Charles Lott	Fuller, Andrew Henry
Brown, Andrew	Davis, Henry H	Furman, Henry Matthew
Brown, David Palmer	Davis, Henry Laurens	Gallagher, John Patrick
Brown, George Watson	Davis, John Warner	Garrett, James Hylan
Brown, James Henry	Day, Robert	Getz, Bernhard
Browne, Thomas Henry	Decourtieux, Amand X. Jr.	Getz, Joseph
Bruce, William Young	Deuprey, Eugene Nelson	Getz, Louis
Brunt, Walter Neat	Deveny, Peter	Getz, Marcus
Bryan, Charles Henry	Dimond, William Henry	Getz, Solomon
Bull, Franklin Pettigill	Dinkelspeil, Joseph Samuel	Gibson, Frederick Herbert
Bultmann, John Henry	Doane, John Osborne	Gillespie, William John
Bunker, Charles Dimmock	Doane, Micah	Gilmore, John Henry
Bunker, Henry Chase	Doolittle, Jefferson Ely	Gilmour, Angus Adolphus
Burns, Henry Jameson	Dore, Benjamin	Goldberg, Jacob
Cahen, Solomon	Dorn, Gus Emil	Goldstein, Simon
Cahell, Patrick	Douglass, George Willard	Gordon, James Edward
Cameron, John William	Dow, Cyrus Clinton	Gorter, Herman Henry
Campe, Harry Magnes	Dow, Ezekiah	Goyetti, Joseph
Carrick, James Ross	Downs, John	Graham, George Davis
Cartan, Francis Matthew	Dragomanovich, Spiro S & G	Graham, Irvine
Canassa, Charles Henry	Drucker, August	Grant, Isaac
Chapman, William Henry	Duff, Thomas Oaron	Green, Adam Treadwell
Chase, Charles Metapor	Dunn, John	Greenhood, Hugo Oscar
Christensen, Andrew	Dunne, James Patrick	Gutman, Alexander
Christiansen, Ernst Wm. C.	Dusenberry, Louis	Haas, George
Christensen, Martin Aug.O.	Dyer, George Henry	Halstead, William Augustus
Clark, George Dickson	Eager, Thomas	Hamilton, Robert
Classen, Adolph Fred. Anton	Edwards, Edward	Hammond, Philip
Clawson, Leonard Edward	Edwards, James Wash'ton	Hansen, Frederick Ludwig
Clingman, George Evans	Eickhoff, Henry	Harpest, John
Cluff, Thomas McRea	Einstein, Morris	Harris, Elias
Cluff, William	Eisenberg, Isidor	Harris, Marcus
Olunie, Thomas Jefferson	Elfelt, Joseph	Hart, Marcus
Coblentz, Felix	Elliott, William	Hartje, John Herman Fred'k
Code, James Arthur	Emerson, John Augustus	Hartley, John Davis
Cohen, Joseph	Empey, William Fletcher	Hayes, George Walfred
Cohen, Philip	Engelburg, Emil August	Hayward, Lewis Augustus
Cohen, Simon	Eppinger, Jacob	Hineman, Max M
Cohn, Gabriel	Esberg, Mendel	Heyman, Gustavus
Conrad, John George	Falk, Morris	Heyneman, Herman
Copeland, William Glen	Falkenstein, Henry	Hilman, John Reuben
Copper, Auguste	Farrell, William	Hoffman, Isaac Lazair
Cressy, Albert	Faulkner, Richard Douglass	Holje, Martin
Crocker, Henry Joseph	Fisher, Henry	Hollub, Samuel Simon
Cronan, William	Fisher, Henry James	Hooper, William Burchell
Crowley, Timothy Jay	Fisher, Oscar	Hornblower, Fred'k Aug.
Culver, James Henry	Fogel, George	Hromada, Adolph
Curry, John	Fontana, Mark John	Huff, Abram
Cutting, John Tyler	Foorman, Samuel	Hughes, Edward Calvin

Humphreys, George	Maguire, Thomas Frank	Peterson, John Cigord
Humphrey, Omar James	Makins, James Nicholas	Phillips, Wm. Armstrong
Ickelheimer, Samuel	Manheim, Henry Simon	Piper, Arthur Leroy
Irvine, Alexander	Markewitz, August	Polastri, Richard Stephen
Iverson, Niels	Marks, Jesse Emanuel	Pomin, George Joachim
Jacobs, Isidor	Marks, Marcus	Porter, Abel Willard
Jennings, Charles Brooks	Martin, Henry Sebastian	Posener, Max
Jennings, Edward	Marvin, Frank William	Rahlmann, Harry Frederick
Johnson, James Halvor	Mayers, Solomon Julius	Redmond, Michael Francis
Johnson, John Charles	McCann, Richard	Remensperger, Ulrich
Jones, George Edward	McCormick, William	Reinhart, Benedict
Jones, Hugh Prichard	McDonald, John Weir	Rice, Harvey Wood
Jones, Martin	McDonald, Robert	Richards, Charles Wesley
Jones, William	McElroy, Andrew	Richards, Charles West, Jr.
Juda, Morris	McGregor, Archibald Hend.	Riley, John Francis
Kartschoke, Gustav	McKay, John Henry	Robbins, Frederick Averill
Katz, Charles	McKellips, Daniel Martin	Robinson, Cornel's Preston
Keefer, Windsor Atchinson	McKenna, Thomas Dillon	Robinson, Henry Cooke
Kenitzer, Henry	McKenzie, Albert William	Romaine, Nicholas Theod'e
Kennedy, Joseph	McLaughlin, Alexander	Rosenblatt, Arthur Stern
Kirkpatrick, Thomas	McLea, Arthur	Rosenstein, Fritz
Kispert, Charles Frank	McNab, James	Rosenstock, Samuel Wolf
Kohn, Isuack	Mead, Lewis Risdon	Rountree, James
Kroscher, Hugo Julius	Merx, Emil Otto Herman	Rountree, Moses Edmond
Lachman, Albert	Metzger, Leo	Rothschild, Joseph
Ladagnous, Justin	Michaels, Abraham	Rowley, Brainard Nathan
Laudin, Martin Kuttner	Miles, William Emmert	Sachs, Lippman
Lengfield, Abraham Lewis	Miner, William Henry	Sahlein, Moses
Lett, Walter Ralph	Mohrhardt, Phillip Fred'k	Samuels, David
Levin, Isidor	Moore, Charles Parker	Sanborn, Albion Irving
Leviston, George	Moraghan, Michael Bolan	Savage, Wm. Cunningham
Levy, Jacob	Morehouse, Christ'phr Col.	Scheerer, Joseph
Levy, Joseph	Morshead, John White	Schoenfeld, Jacob
Levy, Mark Washington	Myrson, Simon	Schweitzer, Jakob
Levy, Solomon	Nagle, Peter Buck	Schweitzer, Morris
Levy, Sylvain Samuel	Naphtaly, Joseph	Scott, Albert Woodburn
Lewellyn, Reese	Neuberger, Gustav	Scott, Henry Wilson
Lewis, William	Neuhaus, Christian Henry F.	Seiler, Paul
Lezinsky, George	Newbauer, Herman Wolf	Shainwald, Herman
Lillie, William Henry	Nickol, Lorenz	Shaw, George Thomas
Littlefield, Joseph Hight	Nicolaysen, Frank	Sheets, Oliver Hazard Perry
Loane, Francis Marion	Nolting, Edward Adolph	Sibley, Levi Butler
Lopresti, Anthony	Noonan, Lawrence Edward	Simon, Joseph
Loupy, John	O'Connor, Cornelius	Simpson, Thomas Benjamin
Loupy, Noel Paul	O'Connor, Edward Arthur	Smith, Clarence Mark
Lowe, Julius Williams	O'Connor, Joseph	Smith, Henry
Lucas, Robert Hume	Osborn, Corra Mahlon	Snedaker, William Harvey
Luchsinger, John Jacob	Patterson, George Wm. Hill	Solomon, Simon
Ludwig, Ernst Hubert	Pierce, Charles Vincent	Somervell, Wm. Somervell
Lusk, Albert	Peixotto, Edgar Davis	Soper, Henry Joseph
Lustig, Daniel David	Penlington, George	Spaulding, James Garfield
Madison, James	Perline, George Mairs	Speier, Bernard

Sperling, Frank	Triest, Bernhard	Williams, Daniel A
Speyer, Walter Morris	Troppmann, Charles Martin	Williams, Henry
Sresovich, Luke George	True, Charles Shaw	Williams, Oscar
Still, William	Turpin, Frederick Light	Williamson, Henry
Stockwell, James Henry	Tyson, James	Wilson, Frederick Green
Stone, John Thomas	Tyson, Robert James	Wilson, John
Storn, Matthew Drysdale	Van Sicklen, F'd Wetherbee	Wilson, John N E
Sunderhous, Geo. Henry O.	Von Wefelsburg, A. Barack	Wilson, Russell Jones
Sussman, Samuel	Von Werthern, Joseph	Winter, John Frederick
Sweet, Solomon	Wagner, Edward Lafayette	Wise, John Henry
Swift, Samuel	Waldron, John Terry	Woerme, Emil
Taylor, Samuel Johnson	Wankowski, William	Wolf, Jacob William
Terry, John Colman	Warner, Wm. John Bagley	Wolf, Simon
Thomas, William Henry	Webber, Charles	Wolfe, Clarence Navarre
Thornton, William Mynn	Welch, Willard Choate, Jr.	Wormser, Louis
Tilton, Charles Stephen	Wetjen, Cord	Wulzen, Diedrich Heinrich
Titus, William Henry Frank	White, Robert Frank	Young, John Shaw—424.
Todd, David Byron	White, Thomas Benton	

PAST MASTER:

McDougal, Charles Campbell—1.

MARK MASTER:

Harris, Adolph—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Boole, George	Fairchild, John Anthony	Stern, Louis
Levi, Morris Bernhard	Smith, Charles Ward	Stern, Sigmund—6.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Berton, Flavien	Connelly, James Edward	Oliver, Edward
Barker, Charles Alfonso	Hewson, James	Wilson, Marion Allen—8.
Canney, Albert Sidney	Kerr, David	

DIED:

Christensen, James Petit	Keyer, John	Sabatte, Philippe Gabriel
Edwards, Henry	Levi, Felix Nathan	Simmons, Morris Joseph
Herspring, Joseph	Plouf, John Eli	Wagner, Jacob—10.
Heister, Amos Calvin		

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	428	Withdrawn.....	6
Exalted.....	18	Susp. for non-payment of dues....	8
Affiliated.....	2—448.	Died.....	10
		Now borne upon the roll.....	424—448.

SONORA CHAPTER, No. 2.

Sonora, Tuolumne County.

Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Eduard Keil, <i>High Priest,</i>	Alonso Colby, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Frank Wilson Street, <i>King,</i>	James Edgar Requa, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Henry Clay Calhoun, <i>Scribe,</i>	Archibald Patterson, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
John Mundorf, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Charles Edward Street, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Thomas Arthur Stiles Hender, <i>Secretary,</i>	Charles Henry Burden, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Joseph Moore Hampton, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Abraham Barlow, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Stephen Wing, <i>P. G. K.,</i>	Solomon Benas,	William Giles Long,
Edwin Aldrich Rodgers,	Alonso Colby,	Eduard Keil.
James Bell,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bacon, Martin	Hale, George Webb	Nicoll, George Woodburn
Brown, Gurdon	Johnson, Andrew Porter	Parsons, Edmond
Collins, John	Knudson, Ella Ladefoyd	Sharwood, William
Conrad, Frederick	Lang, Charles Edward	Vial, John
Cooley, John	Leon, Samuel	Wade, Charles Frederick
Eastman, William White	Long, Wilber	Wells, Thomas Washington
Fosterling, Louis, Jr.	Mathews, James	West, John Henry
Gould, Elisha Tolman	Mitchell, Frederick Francis	Yancey, Tryon Milton—41.

PAST MASTER:

Preston, Howard Alvin—1.

MARK MASTER:

Morgan, Frank Albert—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....37	Now borne upon the roll.....41.
Exalted..... 3	
Affiliated..... 1—41.	

SACRAMENTO CHAPTER, No. 3.

Sacramento, Sacramento County.

State Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Louis Cyrus Schindler, <i>High Priest,</i>	Charles Richard Goss, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Abram John Vermilya, <i>King,</i>	Oephas Charles Olney, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
George Dunn, <i>Scribe,</i>	Victor Lemay, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Edward Lyon, <i>Treasurer,</i>	David Farr, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Edwin Glover, <i>Secretary,</i>	Jacob Hymann, Jr., <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Wm. Elias John Baughman, <i>Capt. of Host,</i>	Christopher Little, <i>Guard.</i>

Fast High Priests:

Powell Samuel Lawson,	Joseph Davey,	Jacob Hyman, Jr.,
Wm. Monroe Petrie, <i>P.G.H.P.</i> ,	Alexander John Gardiner,	John Hurley,
Wm. Buckley Davis, <i>P.G.H.P.</i> ,	Rufus Burnham Harmon,	Frank Lytle Thirkield,
Charles Mortimer Coglan,	John William Rock,	John Walter Boyd,
Alfred Augustus Redington,	Richard Palmer Burr,	Thos. Maria Bittancourt.
Cornelius Kellogg,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Abbott, Augustus	Cothrin, William Kip	Gray, Arthur Irvine
Adams, Oliver Miller	Crocker, Henry Smith	Greene, Peter B
Alexander, Benj. Franklin	Crofton, John	Gregg, George
Alexander, Robert	Croly, Edward James	Gregory, Eugene Julius
Allen, John Francis	Crouch, Eugene Ackley	Gregory, Frank
Alltucker, Henry	Cunningham, John Austin	Griffiths, John T
Andrews, Adam	Curtis, Nathaniel Greene	Gruhlcr, John
Andrews, John Nichols	Dale, Richard	Guthrie, John William
Atkinson, Edmund Clement	Davis, Jacob Zeigler	Hale, Evert Wilburn
Baldwin, William Hedges	Davis, James Gilliland	Hale, Marshall, Jr.
Ball, Charles Henry	Davis, William Hewson	Hale, Prentiss Cobb
Barrett, Isaac Thomas	Decker, Horace Washing'n	Hall, Thomas Bertram
Bassett, William Walter	Dennery, Alphonse	Halsey, David Crane
Bliss, Sydney	Denson, Samuel Crawford	Hamilton, William Brown
Block, Morris	Dierssen, Geo. Ernest Aug't	Hammer, Mosheim Schm'r
Bragg, Henry William	Dixon, William Henry	Harper, Thomas
Braun, August	Domingos, John	Haskell, Dudley Haines
Brenner, John	Dresher, Valentine	Hatch, Wilbur Marck
Brenner, Louis Frederick	Drew, Nathaniel Lafayette	Hawk, Elbridge Lafayette
Briggs, William Ellery	Dwyer, Michael	Hawkins, William
Bugbey, Benjamin Norton	Ecklon, Christian Ludwig	Heilbron, Adolph
Bumps, George Henry	Eilers, Theodore George	Heilbron, Henry August
Burchard, James Philo	Fay, Newton Murray	Heintzelman, Taylor Wash.
Burnett, Augustus	Ferriter, Thomas	Heisen, Charles, Jr.
Burnham, James Henry	Filmore, Jerome Adolphus	Herzog, Philip
Butler, Stephen William	Fleming, Frank	Hevener, William Henry
Calderwood, Job Francis	Flye, Charles Eben	Hickey, William Edward
Carrier, William James	Forbes, Robert	Hog, William Moffet
Carroll, Edgar Barclay	Foster, James Stewart	Hollister, Dwight
Carroll, Harry Winans	Fox, Thomas	Hoaking, John
Caswell, William Averill	Foye, Wm. Robinson Smith	Holmes, Henry T
Champlin, Nelson	Fraser, Henry Carpenter	Hoover, Benjamin Vanzandt
Chapman, Bernard Henry	Frommelt, Hugo	Hopkins, Edwin Carmi
Chapman, George Warren	Gallatin, Albert	Howell, Sydney Algernon
Chrisman, Elmer Judson	Gardner, Charles Francis	Hubbard, Cyrus Hayden
Christy, Edward	George, Wilbur Forest	Hubbs, Anthony
Church, William Smithers	Gerber, William Emil	Huggins, Henri Tyler
Clark, Jerome Franklin	Gerson, Samuel	Hyman, Daniel
Cohn, Edward Francis	Gett, William Andrew, Jr.	Hyman, Jacob, Sr.
Conoway, George Winfield	Gillis, Dugald	Ingham, Harry
Cook, Hiram	Gottlieb, Samuel	Inwalle, John Joseph
Coolidge, Isaac Baldwin	Graham, Louis Edgar	Irvine, Richard Outrer
Coppersmith, Michael Thos.	Gray, Alexander Isaac	Irvine, William John

Jackson, William Franklin	Nathan, Samuel	Stanley, Leander
Johnson, Hiram Warren	Nelson, Clarence Newton	Stanton, Perrin
Johnson, Julian Workman	Nevis, Manuel Silva	Steffens, Joseph
Johnson, Philip	Nichols, Arthur Lambard	Steinman, Bernhard Ulmer
Johnston, Alfred J	Ochsner, John	Steinmeyer, Fred'k Wilhelm
Johnston, William	Odell, Merrill Francis	Stevenson, Henry Lewellyn
Jones, William Rowland	Olsen, Jens Romeo	Stober, Frederick Conrad
Just, John Peter	O'Neill, James	Stoll, Benjamin Franklin
Ketchum, Marvin Alonso	Ottman, Gilbert Almon	Strader, Harvey Winton
Knights, William Durrant	Pacheco, Romualdo	Sutleff, Levi Beardsley
Knights, William Budd	Payne, Jeremiah Newton	Taverner, George
Knox, William Frederick	Peck, Nelson Stanley	Thompson, James Ellsworth
Lavenson, Samuel	Peterson, Wm. Frederic	Todd, John William
Lawson, Walter Brokaw	Phillips, George	Tufta, Albert Currier
Levison, Jacob	Phillips, Louis	Uip, Alfred
Levy, Edward Roger	Pike, John Elias Tucker	Van Fleet, William Carey
Lewis, Samuel Alonso	Platt, Philemon Eli	Von Voorhies, Albert Alex.
Lightner, Bonus	Porter, Olive William	Vanghan, Richard
Littlefield, Lewis Bateman	Porter, James Nicholas	Wachhorst, Herman
Locke, George Washington	Potter, William Alfred	Wallace, Campbell William
Lufkins, Harry Tileston	Railton, George William	Wallquist, Carl Johan
Luhra, Charles August	Rath, Elias	Waterhouse, Columbus
Lykins, Preston Lodwick	Rego, Edward Sutherland	Welch, Benjamin
McAlister, Adam Armstrong	Reid, Thomas Benton	Welch, Geo. Drake
McArthur, John	Ressegule, James Gleason	White, George Amos
McKee, Edward Hervey	Richards, John	Wilcoxon, Jefferson
McKee, James Anderson	Roberts, John Henry	Wilder, Joel Osgood
McLaughlin, William	Roberts, Lewis Clark	Willis, Evander Berry
McMartin, John Alexander	Bohrer, Fred William	Willis, William Ladd
Meister, August	Bunyon, Solomon	Wilson, Jesse Warren
Menke, Anton	Scheunert, Carl Emil	Witham, Gilbert Tapley
Merrill, John Francis	Schroth, John George	Wood, William
Miller, Peter Andrew	Scott, Thomas James	Woodburn, Charles Gabriel
Miller, William Buchanan	Sheldon, William Chauncey	Woodburn, James
Mills, James Edgar	Shonefelt, William Domer	Wright, John Bascom
Moore, Robert H	Smith, Benjamin	Yoerk, August Charles
Moore, Seth Beardsley	Smith, Frank Augustus	Young, John Nelles—269.
Morrison, James Mathew	Smith, Thomas	

MARK MASTER:

Mitchell, William—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Gilbert, Ethan Allen—1.

DIED:

Bergevin, Nelson Langvin	Harris, David	Stephens, Charles Henry
Bronner, George Frederick	Hatch, James Darrow	West, Daniel
Coleman, Timothy	Hull, Joseph	Willard, David Wright—11.
Frank, Samuel	Lambert, Frank Ellis	

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	273	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted.....	8—281.	Died.....	11
		Now borne upon the roll.....	269—281.

CALIFORNIA CHAPTER, No. 5.**San Francisco, San Francisco County.***Stated Meetings, first and third Tuesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Hugh James Owen, <i>High Priest,</i>	Joseph Gardner Baston, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
William Christopher Heyer, <i>King,</i>	William Benz, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Arthur Calvin Soule, <i>Scribe,</i>	George Knight White, <i>Master 8d Vail,</i>
Thaddens Benning Kent, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Samuel Lancaster Lent, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Franklin Henry Day, <i>Secretary,</i>	Henry William Westphal, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Harry Baehr, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Samuel David Mayer, <i>Organist,</i>
	James Oglesby, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

William Henry Lyon,	Henry Ascroft,
William Thomas Reynolds, <i>P. G. H. P.,</i>	George Dietterle,
Hiram Throop Graves,	Robert Ash,
Joseph Miller Litchfield,	John Allen Hosmer,
John Elbridge Purdy,	Benjamin Franklin Jellison,
Abraham Halsey,	John Kirkpatrick, <i>P. G. H. P.,</i>
Franklin Henry Day, <i>P. G. H. P.,</i>	Thomas Kyle,
Edward Potter Cressey,	William Abraham Davies, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>
Charles Lewis Patton,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adams, Joseph Willard	Birch, William Henry	Brown, William Graham
Alexander, William Stanley	Black, Howard	Browning, Jeremiah
Allen, Richard Spicer	Black, Joseph	Bruce, James Henderson
Allen, William Alvord	Blair, Walter Beasley	Brunings, John Henry
Ames, Frank Holmes	Blake, Edward Presbrey	Bruns, Henry Frederick
Anderson, Isaac	Blaser, John Christian	Buckingham, Aurelius E.
Anderson, Winslow	Bliss, Charles	Buckland, Owen
Armstrong, George Robert	Bloomer, John Godfrey	Bunker, Robert Elmer
Armstrong, James William	Blossom, Henry Eckford	Burns, Henry Bernhard
Atkinson, Thos. Thompson	Bohls, Henry	Callahan, Charles
Baar, James Lawson	Bone, Charles	Callinan, William
Baker, Charles Henry	Booth, Andrew George	Campbell, Jos. Claybaugh
Baldwin, Alfred Walton	Boyes, James	Campbell, Vernon
Ballard, Jedediah Stow	Bragg, Frank	Campbell, Walter Chauncey
Band, Henry Frederick	Bragg, Robert	Carr, John George
Barclay, Peter Thomas	Breece, Abraham	Castle, Stephen
Barclay, Robert Henry	Breidenbach, Emile Henry	Center, John
Barnes, William Sanford	Breon, Paul	Chapin, Dinsmore Davis
Barnhiser, Epenetus Ro'g's	Bridge, William Edward	Chesley, Charles Palmer
Batkin, Alfred Augustus	Brigham, Calvin Oaks	Childs, George
Bauer, John Christian	Brittan, Nathaniel Jones	Christian, Ceasar
Baum, David Andrew	Bromley, George Tisdale	Christiansen, Jacob
Benedict, Courtland Smith	Brown, Henry Adams	Christie, James Alexander
Benson, John Adelbert	Brown, Henry Rolf	Church, Edward Bentley
Binge, Theo. Christoph Dan'l	Brown, William Anderson	Clark, John Franklin

Clifford, James Benjamin	Easton, Wendell	Griffiths, Thomas Hamlyn
Cloak, Harry Bordell	Eaton, Frank Eugene	Groesinger, Gottlob Charles
Clute, Alvah Baker	Eckart, William Roberts	Gunn, Benjamin McKay
Cockrill, Theo. Guevara	Eddy, Richard A	Hale, Reuben Brooks
Cogswell, James Lafayette	Ede, William	Hall, Robert (S. F.)
Cole, Edward Pleasant	Edgar, Dan Joseph	Hall, Robert (Sonoma)
Cole, Richard Beverly	Edmondson, John George	Hallett, Alonzo
Coleman, William Warren	Edwards, William	Halsted, James La Fayette
Conway, George	Elias, Edward	Hamilton, Hiram Milton
Cords, David Andrew	Ellert, Levi Richard	Hammond, Andrew Benoni
Cox, Alexander Middleton	Elliot, Charles Emery	Hammond, John
Cox, Henry	Estes, Morris March	Hammond, Rich'd Pindell, Jr.
Cox, Palmer	Evans, Chester Hepburn	Hammond, Samuel Chester
Creswell, Harry Thornton	Evans, Joseph John	Hare, Elias O
Crim, William Henry	Evans, Luther John	Hart, Wm. Henry Harrison
Crocker, Calvin Harlow	Ewing, James Stanley	Hartshorne, Benj. Minturn
Crooker, Charles Frederic	Farnsworth, Edward P.	Haskell, Charles Lyman
Crocker, William Henry	Ferguson, George Harrison	Hatch, James Henry
Cross, Charles Vernon	Fickett, James Everett	Hathaway, William Russell
Cummings, Walter Bailey	Field, Alfred Bishop	Hauxhurst, Samuel Weeks
Curtis, John Morrison	Fielding, Samuel Marion	Heald, Edward Payson
Daggett, John Randolph	Filmer, William	Hedley, John
Dall, Peter Peterson	Finck, Julius	Heidt, John William
Dalton, Franklin	Firth, Joseph Kirk	Heilwig, Christian
Dalton, Thomas Benton	Fisher, Will Everett	Hemstreet, Albert David
Davis, Winfield Scott	Flake, Henry Mortimer	Hendry, Andrew Murray
Day, Charles Austin	Flake, William Henry	Heuer, William Henry
Day, Henry Lucas	Flint, Brilsford Pease	Higgins, Charles Clunn
Day, Thomas Henry	Fonda, William Middleton	Highton, Henry Edward
Dean, Peter	Fonda, William Thomas	Hildebrandt, Carsten
Decker, Charles William	Forman, William Bishop	Hill, Thomas Locker
DeGuerre, Albert Sydney J.	Foster, Arthur William	Hindes, Edward Brooks
Delger, Edward Frederick	Foster, William Barrett	Hobbs, John Kimble Carl's
De Witt, Thomas Byron	French, Frank James	Hodgdon, James Peverly
Dick, Daniel John	Frolich, Theodore	Hodge, Robert
Dickinson, John Henry	Frost, John Henry	Hoffman, Henry Nathaniel
Dobler, Charles	Gabbs, Albert Steven Isaiah	Hopkins, Timothy
Dominguez, Richard Arthur	Garratt, Benjamin Franklin	Horn, Bernard Jeremiah
Dorn, Marcellus Americus	Gillson, John	Horton, Thomas Rotch
Doud, Aaron	Godley, Montgomery	Hotaling, Anson Parsons
Dougherty, Charles Medley	Goodban, Francis Edward	Howard, Horace Zerah
Dow, George Edwin	Goodman, Theodore Henry	Howes, Cyrus Pierce
Dowling, Thomas Henry	Grade, William Adolph	Hubbard, Henry Calvin
Driffeld, Vero Carus	Grant, Thomas Chamberlain	Hubbard, Thomas Jay
Duboce, Victor Douglaime	Grauerholz, Henry John	Huested, Orson Justus
Dugan, Charles Edwin	Gray, De Witt Clinton	Hughes, John Clarence
Duncan, Benjamin Beatty	Gray, Henry Nathaniel	Hughes, William George
Dunn, James	Green, Charles Ernest	Humphreys, James Holroyd
Eagleson, John Geddes	Greenwood, Monroe	Hurlbut, Reuben Preston
Earl, John Ogden	Grey, John Thomas	Hutchinson, Ely Israel
Earle, Henry Halford	Griffin, John Wesley	Iredale, Charles Winalow
Easton, Ansel Mills	Griffith, John Beruth	Jackson, Alden W

Jacobs, Albert	Lockwood, Thomas	Moore, Robert Bruce
Jacobsen, Niels	Logan, Milburn Hill	Moore, Robert S
Jeffers, Milo Sidney	Long, John Thomas	Moraghan, John Owen
Jenks, George Washington	Lovelace, Arthur Stuart	Morffew, Thomas
Jewett, George Albert	Lowell, Albert Carroll	Morgan, Charles Augustus
Johnson, Albert de M'tfredy	Lucas, John William	Morgan, David, Jr.
Johnson, George	Lucas, Walter Edward	Morgan, Frederick Charles
Johnson, Mathias	Lundquist, Edward Charles	Morgan, John Stillwell
Jones, Edward Thomas	Lutz, William Edward	Morrow, Almond Raleigh
Jones, Henry Isaac	Lyman, Charles	Morrow, William W
Jones, John Richard	Macdonald, William	Morse, John Frederick
Jones, William	Madden, Robert Willis	Morton, Thomas
Jones, William Arthur	Magnire, Michael Edward	Muller, John
Jones, William Gustus	Mann, Azro Levi	Murdock, George Leonard
Jost, Charles	Martin, Alexander	Murphy, Robert Wilson
Jost, Charles, Jr.	Martin, Minor Silas	Murphy, Samuel Green
Jost, Joseph	Marye, George Thomas, Jr.	Nagle, Richard Hamilton
Jost, William Rheinhard	Mathews, Henry Allen	Nash, Charles
Judd, Garritt Pitt	Mathews, Henry Edward	Neal, Charles Sanders
Kellogg, Frank Harvey	Mathewson, John	Neal, George Folger
Kelly, Robert Gabriel	Matthews, Arthur Wellingt'n	Newhall, Edwin White
Kennedy, John Fitzmaurice	McAfee, William Adam	Newhall, Harry Gregory
Kenyon, Curtis George	McBaine, Edward Gordon	Newman, George Howard
Kern, Morris James	McCarty, James	Noonen, John
Keyser, Paul	McClure, Stewart	Norcross, Daniel
Keyston, William Donald	McComb, John	Noteware, Edward Wash'n
Kimball, Moses Coombe	McConnell, Chalmers New'n	O'Brien, Thomas V
Kincaid, John Evans	McCullough, Edwin Clifford	Osborn, Lamartine
King, Henry Lewis	McDonnell, Samuel Alex.	Osborn, Robert Folger
King, Joseph Libbey	McFadyen, Archibald	Otersen, Herman
Kinne, Charles Mason	McKay, Alexander	Page, John Harding
Kirby, Harry Harrison	McKee, Lester Howard F.	Parish, Mark
Knight, George Alexander	McKeon, John	Parker, Edward Fletcher
Koenig, Frank	McLachlan, Thos. Mitchell	Parson, Edward
Kohler, Henry	McLane, George Milligan	Partridge, Edward Briggs
Kramer, Louis George	McMillan, Robert	Paterson, Alex. Van Bena'r
Krieg, Anton	McNee, Alexander	Payne, Warren Ritch
Kron, Oscar Jacob	McNutt, William Fletcher	Peabody, Edward
Lacey, Albert Ernest	Meigs, Anson Woodman	Peabody, Edward William
Ladd, Frank Bacon	Ments, John Henry	Peck, John Edward
Landers, John	Merrill, James William	Peel, Jonathan Morffew
Landgrebe, Robert George	Meston, Robert	Peel, Robert Thomas
Lane, William	Metsen, William Henry	Periam, Charles James
Lank, Samuel James	Miller, Robert Buchanan	Perkins, George Washing'n
Larsen, Louis Albert	Mills, Edward Tyrrell Bisset	Perkins, Samuel Henry
Lawson, Andrew	Mitchell, Robert Brent	Perley, Albion Starbird
Leibold, Jacob George	Montague, Wilford Weed	Peterson, Arthur Simison
Leonard, George Darwin	Montealegre, Carlos Fran'co	Peyre, Jean Joseph
Leydecker, Theo. William	Moore, Andrew	Phillips, Nathan Fraser
Little, William Tell	Moore, Arthur Weld	Phillips, William Rippard
Little, William Thomas	Moore, Charles Cadwell	Pitchford, John Benjamin
Lloyd, Reuben Hedley	Moore, Elliott Josiah	Plum, Charles Mortimer

Plummer, Sanford	Smith, Harry Burt, Jr.	Vetter, Philipp
Porter, Thomas Alexander	Smith, Henry Julian	Volkman, Rudolph
Preston, Edgar Frank	Smith, James Jerome	Von Schmidt, Alexey Wal'r
Price, Benjamin Tydfil	Smith, Lewis Warren	Von Staden, George
Price, Thomas	Smith, William Frederick	Wadsworth, James C. Luke
Prior, John Lewis	Smith, William Jacob	Wagner, August Henry
Ralston, William Chapman	Soomann, Johan. Jo'im Theo.	Wagner, Henry Fred
Read, Henry Lawrence	Sowers, Frederick	Wagner, John
Redding, Joseph Deighan	Spear, Gustavus Langford	Walk, George Edward
Reese, Evan Leander	Spear, Lewis Eugene	Walker, James Greig
Reid, James William	Spence, Abel Strain	Walker, Robert Andrew
Reis, John O'Neal	Stadtfield, Jacob	Walsh, George Charles
Reynolds, Frank Augustus	Stafford, William Gardner	Warburton, Samuel
Rice, Richard James	Starbird, Albion Wilson	Ward, William
Riordan, Thomas Daniel	Stark, William Alexander	Ward, William Braddon
Robertson, Wm. Alexander	Stande, Fred	Warfield, Richard Henry
Rodgers, Arthur	Steiner, Nicholas	Warren, Joseph Maxwell
Ross, Donald	Stevens, William Emerson	Warwick, James Blain
Rundell, William Mason	St. Germain, Napoleon H'y	Watkins, Alonzo Augustus
Rugg, Amos Uriah	Stockfleth, John	Webster, Artemas
Russ, Henry Beauchamp	Stoddart, Augustus Wynne	Weed, Merritt Herman
Russell, John Adam	Sumner, Frank William	Wells, Asa Reynolds
Russell, Monson	Swain, Edward Robinson	Wells, William
Ryan, Michael	Swenson, John Augustus	Westphal, Otto Frank
Sabin, John Ira	Swift, James Flitcroft	Wheaton, Milton Alverd
Sanborn, William David	Tait, William Cave	Whitcomb, Frank Randolph
Schetzl, Adolph Georg	Taylor, George McClellan	White, Lovell
Schmidt, Valentine	Taylor, John Brinkworth	Wieland, Robert Paul
Schreiber, Martin Aug. Wm.	Thompson, George	Wilkie, Andrew
Schultz, Wm. August, Jr.	Thompson, George Howard	Wilms, Stephen Caleb
Scott, Ebenezer	Thomson, Thomas	Wilson, Charles Harold
Scott, Joseph Henry	Thornton, Samuel Kennedy	Wilson, John Henry
Scott, Thomas William	Thrall, Henry Homer	Wilson, William Archibald
Segesser, John Ulrich	Tierney, Charles Henry	Wood, Fred Burrage
Selbel, Philipp	Tisdale, Robert Francis	Woodbury, Warren Dean
Seymour, Simon Harry	Tonningsen, John	Woodlock, John
Shattuck, David Dustin	Townsend, Eugene de Kay	Woods, Harry Frank
Shoobert, John Edmund	Trebell, Thomas	Woodward, Gideon Paschall
Shortridge, Samuel Morgan	Trobock, Bartholo'w Nich's	Wright, Charles William
Simpson, James	Turner, James Frederick	Wright, Cyrus Smith
Skivington, John Franklin	Umben, Henry Philip	York, William
Slack, Charles William	Vall, Akin Hiller	Young, Arthur Lansing
Smith, Emory Evans	Vance, George Prescott	Young, Shirley Trever
Smith, Francis	Vandalice, Wm. Keyser	Younger, William John
Smith, Frank Landers M.	Van Duzer, Oliver	Zimmerman, David Basler
Smith, George Strait	Veen, Frank Joseph	

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MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS:

Bergen, Alexander
Hare, George Arthur

Hillyer, Curtis

McFarlane, Peter Dunn—4.

MARK MASTER:

Luttrell, James Franklin—1.

RESTORED:

Rugg, Amos Uriah—1.

WITHDRAWN :

Knorp, Albert Frederick Reynolds, Frank Bailey Whitham, John Hastings—4.
Peckham, William Henry

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Bandmann, Charles Julius Dodd, Willis Gorman Metzner, Charles Francis
Campbell, Robert Lane, William Edmund Nixon, James Henry
Daniell, William Henry Lux, Frank Antoin North, George Loomis—9.

EXCLUDED :

Hanson, Edward Henscheldey—1.

DIED :

Brinkerhoff, Harman Fargo, Jerome Bonaparte Locke, Isaac Stanwood
Brown, Arthur Page Hansen, Carl Christian A. McCullough, H. Van Schaick
Brown, Tom Adamson Jones, Cyrus Winship Raimond, Reuben Edgar
Coleman, Carlton Chinn Kennedy, Frank Shortt, Lawrence Hartshorne
Eklund, John Peter Latson, Francis Palmer Smith, George Sedgwick

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RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....	544	Withdrawn	4
Exalted.....	35	Susp. for non-payment of dues...	9
Affiliated.....	2	Excluded.....	1
Restored.....	1—582.	Died.....	15
		Now borne upon the roll.....	553—582.

NEVADA CHAPTER, No. 6.

Nevada, Nevada County.

Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Sherman Ward Marsh, <i>High Priest,</i>	William Barker, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Edward Samuel Edwards, <i>King,</i>	William Barton, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Milan Burchard Siddles, <i>Scribe,</i>	Kaskil Casper, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
John Thomas Morgan, <i>Treasurer,</i>	William Floyd, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Ianthis Jerome Rolfe, <i>Secretary,</i>	George Crawford Shaw, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Charles Henry Eddy, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Antonio Tam, <i>Guard.</i>

Fast High Priests:

Thos. H. Caswell, <i>P.G.H.P.,</i>	Martin Luther Marsh,	Edward Myers Preston,
Thomas Mein,	Joseph Thomas,	George Lovett Hughes,
Ianthis Jerome Rolfe,	William Barker,	David Eddy Morgan.
Kaskil Casper,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bernardo, Manuel Joseph	Hale, Horace	Passe, Sanford Orin
Buffington, John Mason, Jr.	Holland, Jacob La Fayette	Reid, James
Chapman, Lucius Homer	Holmes, William	Richards, William Gilbert
Clemons, William	Kendrick, Colin	Rose, David
Cornow, Robert	Kendrick, Levi Jackson	Rose, James
Douglass, Harry Lee	Langley, Exile Henry	Searls, Fred
Ennis, Franklin	Long, William David	Searls, Niles
Evans, John	Mallon, Christopher Henry	Tellam, Frederick
Faulk, George Henry	Marsh, Daniel	Tilley, Edwin
Fleming, Jos. Davenport	McBean, John	Tompkins, Edward Alex.
Folene, Antone	McBrown, John	Tower, Alonzo Douglas
Gaylord, George Cook	McCall, John Thomas	White, James O.
Goodwin, Jeremiah Samuel	Murrah, James Thomas	Zeithor, Fred—59.
Gray, Thomas Benton		

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Bridges, Edwin David—1.

RECAPTULATION :

On roll per last report.....60	Susp. for non-payment of dues..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll .....59—60.

BENICIA CHAPTER, No. 7.

Benicia, Solano County.

Stated Meetings, every alternate Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Allen Page Sanborn, <i>High Priest,</i>	Thos. Bailey Montgomery, <i>Fr. Sojourner,</i>
John Scharfenberger, <i>King,</i>	Elijah Morton, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
— — — — —, <i>Scribe,</i>	Simon Johnston, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Charles King, <i>Treasurer,</i>	James Buchanan McKenzie, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Alvin Stone Parritt, <i>Secretary,</i>	James Ambrose Smith, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Morgan Williams, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Samuel John Flier, <i>Guard,</i>

Past High Priests :

Thomas McKay, Allen Page Sanborn, Elijah Morton.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Hahn, Henry Casper	McKay, William	Bueger, John
Johnson, Joseph Green	Moore, William Louis	Weinmann, Louis—20.
McArthur, Murdock	Newmark, Richard	

DIED :

Duval, George Richard—1.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....20 Died..... 1
Exalted 1-21. Now borne upon the roll..... 20-21.

SHASTA CHAPTER, No. 9.

Shasta, Shasta County.

Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

John Sale Strobe, <i>High Priest,</i>	Adolphus Bystle, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Edward Sweeny, <i>King,</i>	James Franklin Bedford, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
Jewitt Seranton, <i>Scribe,</i>	George Crone Strobe, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
William Alex. Boswell, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Sylvester Hull, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Daniel Potter Bystle, <i>Secretary,</i>	John William Garden, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Morris Mehon, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Gunther Chas. F. Schroeter, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Adolph Dobrowsky,	Joseph Well,	Elijah Mason Dixon,
Daniel Potter Bystle,	Olay Webster Taylor,	Morris Mehon.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Andrew, William	Jacker, Samuel	Rosevear, Samuel John
Andrews, Alex. Robertson	Kellner, Wilhelm	Ross, Albert Frederick
Bauden, John Peter	Labonte, Francis Xavier	Ross, Herman Frederick
Bell, Joseph Evans	Lean, Sydney	Sandry, Samuel
Bessmer, Albert John	Leiter, Alexander	Satterly, Frank Peck
Cutter, Harry Hill	McDonald, Luke	Scammon, James Freeman
Davis, Talasin	McKean, William Pierce	Scott, John Varner
Drynan, James Angus	Nicholas, Thomas William	Sechrist, George Howard
Hainline, Charles Grant	Nichols, James Levin	Shanahan, Thad. Wilson Huff
Harvey, John Wesley	Overmyer, Charles Edwin	Shuffleton, Hugh Hall
Hawkins, Devine Zachariah	Obradovich, Samuel Milo	Smith, Albert Ferdinand
Herron, Matthew Wilkes	Perryman, Thomas John	Smith, Thomas Burton
Hersinger, John	Radulovich, Chris	Well, David
Huester, Louis Frederick	Recardo, John D	Wimmer, James Moses
James, Charles Henry	Reynolds, John Edward	Winsell, Jas. Fletcher—62.
James, William Matthew		

WITHDRAWN:

Thatcher, George Washington—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Souter, John—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....55	Withdrawn 1
Exalted..... 9—64.	Susp. for non-payment of dues..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll.....62—64.

SUTTER CHAPTER, No. 11.**Sutter Creek, Amador County.***Stated Meetings, third Friday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Walter Scott Cooledge, <i>High Priest,</i>	Louis Katz, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Robert Pope, <i>King,</i>	Morris Brinn, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Frank Arthur Voorheis, <i>Scribe,</i>	William Henry Gunsolus, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
George Allen, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Herman Lehman, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Charles Howard Norton, <i>Secretary,</i>	Elbridge James Post, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
John McDougll Post, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	John Jelmini, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Alvinza Hayward,	Robert Redpath,	Morris Brinn,
John Whitten Surface,	Wallace Kay,	William Henry Gunsolus,
John Lithgow,	Edward Converse Voorheis,	Walter Scott Cooledge.
John McDougll Post,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adams, Robert John	Jennings, William	Surface, Jacob
Bell, William	Marchant, John	Surface, James Phillip
Bennetts, William Arthur	Nichols, Jonah	Tregloan, John Roger
Clute, Peter Alonzo	Oulds, John	Trudgen, William Thomas
Dennis, Jackson	Owens, Hugh Owen	Walter, Henry Franklin
Frates, Frank	Patterson, David Anderson	Whitelach, Daniel Henry
Harvey, William James	Richardson, Lorenzo C.	Yelmini, Victor Pacific—41.
Isaacs, Bernhard	Robinson, Robert	

RESTORED:

Owens, Hugh Owen—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Millikan, Jesse—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Owens, Hugh Owen—1.

EXCLUDED:

Minear, John Ingersol

Sutherland, George—2.

DIED:

Aitkin, Robert—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....43	Withdrawn..... 1
Exalted..... 2	Susp. for non-payment of dues..... 1
Restored..... 1—46.	Excluded..... 2
	Died..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll.....41—46.

MERCED CHAPTER, No. 12.**Merced, Merced County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Wednesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Charles Simon, <i>High Priest,</i>	Albert Pitzer, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Walter Nathan Sherman, <i>King,</i>	Oscar Alexander Baker, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
Giacomo Garibaldi, <i>Scribe,</i>	Robert Gracey, <i>Master 8d Vail,</i>
Carter Landram, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Adolph Jacob Zirker, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
James Leonard, <i>Secretary,</i>	John Henry Simonson, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Aaron Badt, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Ebenezer Maxwell Stoddard, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Hiram Newton Rucker,	Aaron Badt,	William Lewis Silman,
Arthur Homer Dauchy,	Albert Pitzer,	Robert Gracey.
Carter Landram,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Barfield, George Hardwick	Hart, William John	Russell, John
Einfeldt, Detlef Johannis	Hunt, William Horton	Schroeder, John George
Fleming, Charles Edgar	Jacobs, Isaac Henry	Snyder, John Washington
Gribble, James Thomas	Means, William Leland	Sproule, Isaac Henry
Hall, Thomas Albert	O'Brien, Edward Stephen	Stoueroad, Geo. Washington
Hardwick, Wm. Jefferson	Rector, Elbridge Gerry	Warfield, Chs. Alex. Hamilt'n
Harris, Charles Parsons	Roes, Henry Christofer	Westbay, William Wesley

—36.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS:

Burchell, Milton Cook	Simon, James—2.
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SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Draper, Wilbur Fiske	Neighbor, Gilbert Bodine	Shrimpton, Wm. Bolton
Hammatt, Robert William		—4.

DIED:

Becker, Frederick	Jones, Lewis Fuller—2.
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RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....42	Susp. for non-payment of dues..... 4
	Died..... 2
	Now borne upon the roll.....36—42.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 13.

Marysville, Yuba County.

Stated Meetings, second Friday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Frank B Miller, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William Theophilus Henn, <i>Pr. Seafourner</i> ,
Albert Julius Menz, <i>King</i> ,	Solomon Lewek, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
James McConnell Berry, <i>Sortie</i> ,	Ellmor Ellsworth Stone, <i>Master 3d Veil</i> ,
Emerson Emmet Meek, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Adoni'm Judson Batchelder, <i>Mas. 2d Veil</i> ,
Thomas Hugh Kernan, <i>Secretary</i> ,	George Holland, <i>Master 1st Veil</i> ,
Peter Engel, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	John George McLellan, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Norman Dunning Rideout,	Henry Charles Lott,	Alexander Cameron Irwin,
Charles E Stone,	Samuel Josiah Smith Rogers,	William Flint Peacock,
Andrew Jackson Binney,	Joseph Swaim Dallam,	William Andrew Lowery,
Lemuel Trescott Crane,	Amasa Willey White,	John George McClellan.
Thomas Hugh Steel,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Aaron, Francis Wm. Howard	Ewell, Samuel	Logan, Anderson Dabney
Atkinson, William Brice	Fimbreth, Arthur Francis	Marcuse, Marcus
Aubrey, Frank Cornelius	Fisher, Amos	Marcuse, Myer A
Barr, James Holmes	Flint, Joseph A	Mattison, Charles
Barrie, John Ferguson	Fraser, Daniel	Mayer, Christopher
Belcher, Isaac Sawyer	Fuller, Jesse Beech	Meek, Oscar Leonidas
Berry, Campbell Polson	Gianella, Vincenzo	McNutt, John Fleming
Bevan, Thomas Edward	Goad, William Frank	Miller, Hezekiah Monroe
Bingham, Atkins Clark	Gottwalls, William	Miller, Fred Clark
Bomatter, Charles	Graffis, Alonzo	Myrer, John Wesley
Bradley, Samuel Henry	Griffith, Irwin	Nelson, William Harvey
Brittan, Robert Edward Lee	Haggood, Charles	North, George
Burner, Henry	Haus, Ferdinand	Ostrom, Daniel Augustus
Carpenter, Geo. Washington	Haynes, James	Pascoe, Charles Flood
Chase, Thomas	Hewett, Arthur Hathaway	Peck, William Francis
Clements, William Andrew	Hochstadter, Adolph	Peffer, John
Cohn, Isaac Gaballe	Hochstadter, Simon	Peters, Joseph
Dahling, Henry Frank Fred.	Hortop, Philip	Pinous, Emil
Davis, Edwin Amenzo	Hudson, Edward Henry	Rideout, Benjamin Norman
Deaner, Samuel Christian	Hull, Theodore Benson	Rusby, James Orion
DeWitt, William Golder	Hunter, William	Sanborn, Miles Edward
Dixon, John	Hutchins, Gavin Walter	Saye, George Marion
Dougall, Thomas	Hutchins, James Walker	Schuler, Conrad
Duncan, John Lewis	Jasper, Jos. M. Carrington	Sieber, Henry Frederick
Earnshields, Victor Lewis	Kells, Robert Cornelius	Skinner, Randolph Whitney
Eastman, James Fred.	Knight, David Edgar	Slingsby, William
Ellis, William Turner	Kosby, Augustus Emil	Soderland, Johannes
Engel, John Philip	Lee, Ortis Frederick	Soderland, Noach

Stanwood, Richard Goss	Walton, Benjamin Franklin	Wilson, Weeley Thomas
Stratton, Cornelius Allen	Walton, Hiram Aaron, Jr.	Wilson, William Clay
Stratton, George Wilson	Webb, Charles Augustus	Wolters, George
Swain, William Caldwell	Weber, Henry Victor	Wood, Ira Halstead—122.
Thom, David, Jr.	Wilcoxon, Caleb Eliasha	

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER :

Chatterton, Henry Stuart—1.

MARK MASTER :

Boorman, Barnard Ross—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Gibson, Alexander—1.

DIED :

Oakley, Amasa Wilder

Falk, Herman

Belcher, William Caldwell—3.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....119	Susp. for non-payment of dues... 1
Exalted 7—126.	Died 3
	Now borne upon the roll.....122—126.

HOWARD CHAPTER, No. 14.

San Jose, Santa Clara County.

*Stated Meetings, first Friday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

George Butterfield McKee, <i>High Priest,</i>	Orrin Francis Mann, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Clarence Haydock, <i>King,</i>	John Christian Gerichs, <i>Roy. Arch Capt.,</i>
John Thomas Coyle, <i>Scribe,</i>	Andrew Jackson Battée, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Henry Ward Wright, <i>Treasurer,</i>	James Russell Ournow, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Joseph Wheeler Cook, <i>Secretary,</i>	George Thomas Gribner, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
James Duane Hanscom, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	William Larkin Woodrow, <i>Chaplain,</i>
	Fred Sanford Coffin, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests :

Wm. Alex. January, <i>P.G.H.P.,</i>	Orrin Francis Mann,	Samuel Watson Boring,
Wilbur Justus Wilcox,	George Alex. Fleming,	Ralph Lowe,
William Osmond Breyfogle,	Wm. Winfield Blanchard,	Sam. Hopkins Wagener,
Wilson Hays,	Fred. Sanford Coffin,	Wm. Henry Haydock.
Daniel O Dunn,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Allen, Cyrus Hamilton	Beach, Tyler	Bowman, George Melville
Allison, William De Witt	Bean, George Albert	Brackett, Jethro Nat'l Bruce
Anderson, John Zuinglius	Bennett, Augustus Griffin	Bradlee, Ezra Smith
Bailey, Lamartine Edward	Blair, Thomas Henry	Bragg, George Henry
Barber, Lawrence Evans	Boulware, Milton Amos	Bray, George

Briggs, John Gregg	Lipsett, Archie	Reither, Jacob
Bruner, Henry Smith	Livingston, William	Rice, Judson
Cash, Albert B	Mahoney, Dennis Vincent	Righter, Francis Marion
Chapman, Aid de Lyon	Main, Earl Rain	Robins, Charles Edwin
Collins, Richard Everrett	Mants, Werner Henry	Rowley, Albanns Bellger
Conliak, Charles William	Marchesa, Harvey Austin	Rucker, James Toliver
Cory, Benjamin Brodie	Martin, William Joseph	Rucker, Samuel Newton
Culverwell, Richard Steph.	Marvin, Charles	Sargent, James Patee
Dailey, Morris Elmer	McAfee, Andrew Finley	Schemmel, Henry Leonhard
Davy, John William	McClosky, Thomas	Secord, James K.
Emmerson, George	McDougall, Giles Eggleston	Sexton, William
Emerson, George Randolph	McMillan, John Gilmore	Shaw, Joseph Nathan
Evans, Reece Thompson	McMurtry, William Sharpe	Shearer, Paul Morphy
Field, Arthur Gilbert	McNeil, Albert Beebe	Shields, James Robert
Fisher, John Edward	Menzel, Robert	Shively, Reuben Otis
Flagg, Edwin Clarence	Middleton, Joseph Traill	Simpson, William
Geer, Albert Warren	Mikel, Sidney Fulton	Spitzer, Louis Amias
Gobes, Robert Pearis	Montgomery, Thomas S	Spring, H'y Mayo Newhall
Goes, Charles Henry	Moore, Fred Walter	Steele, Davis
Haley, William Wallace	Morey, Harvey Chapin	Steiger, Louis Adolph
Hambly, Thomas Werry	Mortimer, William	Stevenson, Richard
Hamilton, Alonzo Babbitt	Nickerson, Franklin Levy	Stone, Thomas Jefferson
Hassenstein, John Wessels	Nichaus, Edward	Sturges, Mahlon Beach
Hawley, William George	Northern, William Leander	Tisdale, William De Witt
Henry, James Harrison	Osborne, Antrim Edgar	Trogden, Wiley Huddleston
Herrold, Ebenezer Wilson	Ownby, Thomas Powell	Vale, William
Hofstra, Sake Anton	Park, Clement Theodore	Walthall, Jeter Witt
Hollis, William Henry	Peacock, Geo. Washington	Weller, Henry Olp
Howard, Volney	Perrin, Henry	Wells, Proctor R
Jordan, William Samuel	Pfau, Louis John	Wetmore, Anson L
Knowles, Frank Wesley	Priest, Richard Turner	Whitton, Albert King
Lamrock, William Henry	Parinton, Byron	Williams, Charles Ryder
Leigh, Hugh Alexander	Purinton, Stephen Lafayette	Williams, Edward
Lenzen, Theodore	Reeve, Oscar Joel	Wooster, Clarence Marshall
Lighthall, George Eliasha	Reinhart, Jacob Henry	—143.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS :

Finigan, Lawrence	Lipsett, Isaac	Shumate, Albert Eaches—3.
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SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Bowen, Alfred	Tucker, John Henry—2.
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EXCLUDED :

Farwell, Albert Bingham—1.

DIED :

Breyfogle, Charles Wesley	Clinkenbeard, Kinzea Stone	Cory, Benjamin—3.
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RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.. . . .	137	Susp. for non-payment of dues. . .	2
Exalted	9	Excluded	1
Affiliated	3—149.	Died	3
		Now borne upon the roll	143—149.

CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 15.

Yreka, Siskiyou County.

Stated Meetings, second Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

James Robert Tapscott, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Allen Newton, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
George Dexter Butler, <i>King</i> ,	Oliver Orr, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Lewis Farrin Coburn, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Robert Hewitt DeWitt, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John Enoch Harmon, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Frederick Martin, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Louis Nordheim, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Benjamin Franklin Walker, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
John Franklin McBride, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Samuel Pellet, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Daniel Ream,	John Morris Walbridge,	Henry David Robertson,
Abisha Swain,	John William Bird,	Calvin Levi Gregory,
James Vance,	Curtis Hooper Pyle,	Frederick Elijah Wadsworth.
Alonzo Emery Raynes,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Autenrieth, Fred'k Alex.	Harvey, Abram	Powers, James Marcellus
Beard, John Samuel	Horn, David	Ream, Henry Belden
Beem, Martin Ouster	Hart, Charles Edwin	Richardson, James Albert
Bradley, James Walker	Hubbs, William Lorenzo	Rostetter, George
Bull, John Osias	Houghton, George Fred'k	Scheld, Louis Philip
Caldwell, Daniel	Jillson, Charles Brooks	Schuler, John Martin
Churchill, Jesse Warren	Jones, John Johnson	Schwatka, Andrew Edward
Collar, Adoniram Judson	Jones, Thomas	Shade, Reuben Alor
Cooper, George Washingt'n	Kennedy, Daniel	Smith, Clarence Stewart
Culver, Alexander Eugene	Larison, Charles Amos	Smith, Charles Caswell
Davis, Alphonse G. Wash'n	Leland, William Lester	Smith, George
Diggles, Henry Jones	Little, James Berkley	Spooner, George Cummings
Dwinnell, George W	Long, James Franklin	Straw, Isaac Jefferson
Eddy, Irving Levi	Martin, Brice McClendon	Travelli, Joseph
Eddy, Norton Harvey	Martin, Milton Ferney	Turner, William Wallace
Fabricius, Andrew Jackson	McBride, John W	Wadsworth, James Henry
Fitchette, Charles Lee	Nichols, Henry	Walbank, Edward Montague
Gilbert, Thomas Henry	Nutting, Charles Wilbur	Ward, Kenneth Lester
Gillis, Hudson B	Parker, Alexander, Jr.	Weed, Abner
Grisez, Peter Nicholas	Parrott, Charles Booth	White, Samuel—84.
Hansen, Hans	Prather, Clarence Morton	

MARK MASTERS:

Lincoln, Eric Theodore	Sarter, Harvey Johnson—2.
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DIED:

Gillis, Charles Brocken—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....78	Died.....1
Exalted.....7—85.	Now borne upon the roll.....84—85.

ST. JAMES CHAPTER, No. 16.**Placerville, El Dorado County.***Stated Meetings, third Thursday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Shelley Inch, <i>High Priest,</i>	George Huntington Burnham, <i>Pr. Sojour.,</i>
George Washington McKee, <i>King,</i>	James Franklin Lucas, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
Reuben Kelly Berry, <i>Scribe,</i>	Marco Varozza, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
John William Deuch, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Lindley Clyde Couper, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Charles Henry Weatherwax, <i>Secretary,</i>	Daniel George Carr, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Frederick Ferdinand Baras, <i>Capt. of Host,</i>	Charles Caleb Pierce, <i>Chaplain,</i>
	James Lambeth Weymouth, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests :

Frederick Ferdinand Baras,	Andrew Thom'n Culbertson,	Geo. Hunting'n Burnham,
Charles Fitzgerald Irwin,	Thomas Fraser,	Henry Sylvester Morey.
James Lambeth Weymouth,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Alden, Samuel Jamison	Eaton, John William	McLean, John Marion
Alderson, Richard, Jr.	Fisher, John Adolphus	Miller, John Wesley
Avansino, Nicola	Foster, Granville Franklin	Miller, Walter Elmer
Barlow, George Washington	Hamel, Henry	Plumado, Francis Hilair
Blair, John	Hume, James Bunyan	Richards, James
Blakeley, Alburn Jackson	Ingham, George Howard	Swisler, Charles Albert
Celio, Carlo Gulseppe	Jewell, William John	Thelsen, John
Crawford, John Jones	Loveless, Seth	White, Thomas Hibbard
Derbernardi, Giacomo	Merrill, Charles Edward	Yeadon, William—44.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....	37	Now borne upon the roll.....	44.
Exalted	6		
Affiliated... ..	1—44.		

GRASS VALLEY CHAPTER, No. 18.**Grass Valley, Nevada County.***Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

James Clymo Noel, <i>High Priest,</i>	Frank Aver, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
John Hicks, Jr., <i>King,</i>	Paul Wesley Mitchell, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
David Edwin Matteson, <i>Scribe,</i>	John Harris, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Theodore Henry Wilhelm, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Thomas Ingram, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
William David Harris, <i>Secretary,</i>	Henry Sylvester Spalding, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Wm. Gordon Hudson, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Edward Nuttall, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests :

Edward Coleman, *P.G.H.P.*, Wm. Gordon Hudson, Thomas John Michell.
John Crisp Coleman, Theodore Henry Wilhelm,

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Andrews, James	Finnie, Robert Dryden	Petitjean, Theophilus
Angove, John	Gluyas, James	Poiglase, John
Angove, Richard	Granger, Samuel	Poole, William
Barker, Charles	Griffin, George	Prisk, William Frederick
Bennallack, James	Haas, Isidor	Richards, William
Berriman, Henry	Harris, Stephen Michael	Rogers, William James
Body, Wm. Christopher Dart	Hattam, Joseph	Roland, Louis Jerome
Bray, William John	Hill, George Washington	Sanders, John
Caddy, Richard	Hooper, James	Saxon, Edward
Clift, William	Husom, Andrew	Smith, John G.
Coombs, William (1)	Johnston, Peter	Stein, Isidore
Coombs, William (2)	Jones, William O	Stoddard, Alexander
Campbell, George	King, Peter	Stoddard, Orlando
Campbell, William	Lawrence, John	Tregidgo, Alf
Daniels, Henry	Long, Stephen	Uphoff, Herman
Davies, David	Madrill, Charles Edward	Vincent, George
Dodge, John Lewis	Maynard, Stephen	Walker, Thomas Rolla
Dorsey, Samuel Packwood	Moore, Stephen	Werry, John
Douglas, William	Noell, Richard	Weissbein, Jacob
Dunstan, William	Noonan, Patrick	Weissbein, Joseph
Elliott, Marcus Lindsey	Pears, Joseph	Woodmansee, Charles Scott

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RESTORED :

Granger, Samuel—1.

PAST MASTERS :

Pelleymounter, James Ivey Simmonds, Thomas Henry—2.

MARK MASTER :

Gluyas, James Luke—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Kemp, Robert Mitchell, Charles Henry—2.

DIED :

Ocker, John Ross Morehouse, Alphonso—2.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....80	Susp. for non-payment of dues..... 2
Affiliated..... 1	Died..... 2
Restored..... 1—82.	Now borne upon the roll.....78—82.

TRINITY CHAPTER, No. 19.

Weaverville, Trinity County.

Stated Meetings, second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

William Spencer Lowden, <i>High Priest,</i>	John Clifton Mason, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
John McMurtry, <i>King,</i>	James Bowie, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
John William Philbrook, <i>Scribe,</i>	James Rowles, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Peter M Paulsen, <i>Treasurer,</i>	David Hardin, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Champion W Smith, <i>Secretary,</i>	Adolph Whitebread, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Detlef Hansen, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	John Henry Bremer, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

John Clifton Mason,	James Harvey,	John McMurtry.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Given, James Edgar	Jackson, Harry Jean	Smith, John Huron
Given, William Oushing	Miller, Thomas Love	Van Matre, George
Haas, Gottlieb Frederick	Newman, Michael Roush	Vollmers, William
Hackett, George J	Raab, Louis Frederick	Zarli, Frederick—25.

WITHDRAWN:

Tinnin, Wiley James—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....26.	Withdrawn..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll.....25—26.

FRANKLIN CHAPTER, No. 20.

Oreville, Butte County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Thursdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Erasmus Tucker, <i>High Priest,</i>	Warren Sexton, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
John Gale, <i>King,</i>	Samuel Samuel Simon, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
Thomas Morgan James, <i>Scribe,</i>	William Hubert Dixon, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
John Carleton Gray, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Charles Dennis Dunn, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Henry Chapman Hills, <i>Secretary,</i>	Seth Sprague Boynton, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
George Jas. Graham, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	John Konstantine Mitchell, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Charles Fayette Lott,	George James Graham,	Albert Foster Jones,
John Carleton Gray,	Samuel Samuel Simon,	Thomas Wilson Servias,
Warren Sexton,	Thomas Boyd Hutchins,	Richard White.
Patrick Ogilby Hundley,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Bigelow, Marcus James	Hawkins, Orwin Cullin	Powell, David
Biggs, Edward Earnest	Hendricks, Thomas Pollock	Reid, Hosea Edwin
Braddock, David Washing'n	Hilton, Daniel	Schultz, John Fridrich
Brown, William Alexander	Hutchins, John Sullivan	Sheridan, David
Burroughs, Charles	James, William	Simon, Lewis Aaron
Butler, Charles Frederick	Jones, Peter William	Smith, Herbert Worrall
Chappell, Wallace H	Kitchen, Isaac Warren	Spangler, Christie Marshall
Crane, Noe Baldwin	McCoy, Benjamin Lincoln	Sparks, Ebenezer Morrison
Dyer, George Washington	McGill, James Helm	Sperry, Willard Felton
Eckart, George Robert	Maxwell, Jefferson Houston	Sprague, Frederick Adams
Fagan, Edward	Medanich, George	Stafford, William Henry
Fleming, Thomas Robert	Melton, Leander McC.	Stone, Louis Charles
Glass, Louis	Meredith, John Robert	Taber, Floyd
Goodday, Louis	Morgan, Jenkin	Tople, Prince Louis
Grace, Robert Patrick	Mould, William	Wickman, George Didrich
Gridley, Charles Edward	Myers, Lester Lewellyn	Williams, William S
Grubbs, Richard Champion	Norton, Lewis Elliott	Willoughby, Nicholas
Hammon, Wend'l Philucius	Parker, Ralzemond	Woodworth, Homer Allen
Hartson, Charles Gardner	Pence, Watt Manoah	

—74.

PAST MASTERS :

Moody, Stephen Prescott

Powers, Robert Sutherland—2.

DIED :

Morgan, Emanuel Briggs

Plum, Nathaniel Dunbar

Pressley, Allen—3.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....68	Died.....	3
Exalted 7	Now borne upon the roll.....	74—77.
Affiliated.....	2—77.	

SIERRA CHAPTER, No. 21.

Downieville, Sierra County.

Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Stanley Andrew Smith, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William Ryan, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Frank Bumrill Wehe, <i>King</i> ,	Henry Spaulding, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Adolph Joseph Meroux, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Henry Haddon Purdy, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
August Christopher Busch, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Thomas Williams, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Eliphalet Lewis Case, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Charles Oliver McQuesten, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Aden Denmire, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Valentine Hartling, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests :

William Thompson Luther, *P. G. H. P.*,

Eliphalet Lewis Case.

DIED :

Patty, Levi Hartzell—1.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report	60	Susp. for non-payment of dues.....	6
Exalted.....	3—63.	Died.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	56—63.

LA FAYETTE CHAPTER, No. 24.

Camptonville, Yuba County.

*Stated Meetings, first Saturday after Full Moon in each month.***OFFICERS :**

William Bull Meek, <i>High Priest,</i>	—————, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
—————, <i>King,</i>	Richard Baker, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Eugene Beauharnais Covey, <i>Scribe,</i>	John Rufus Kennedy, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
James Arnott, <i>Treasurer,</i>	James Nelson, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
—————, <i>Secretary,</i>	Charles McLellan, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Thomas Phillips, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Peter Russell, <i>Guard.</i>

East High Priest :

William Bull Meek.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Farley, George Sidney	Smith, Henry	Spencer, Stephen—13.
McPhee, Douglas Alex.		

DIED :

O'Hara, Charles—1.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....	14.	Died.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	13—14.

GEORGETOWN CHAPTER, No. 25.

Georgetown, El Dorado County.

*Stated Meetings, Saturday next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS :**

William Simpson Hickman, <i>High Priest,</i>	John Colby Rich, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
William George Beattie, <i>King,</i>	James Francis Walk, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
George Charles Rau, <i>Scribe,</i>	Benjamin Franklin Robson, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Thomas Z. Armstrong, <i>Treasurer,</i>	John Loron House, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Tinsley Burton Epps, <i>Secretary,</i>	Benj. Franklin Shepherd, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
James Henry Biggs, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Benjamin Johnson Dains, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests :

William Roush, John Dodd Skinner, James Moon.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Bassi, Giosni	Fillipini, Rinaldo	Presley, Albion Moore
Bayley, Alexander Alonzo	Lagerson, Frederick	Scripture, Oliver Oscar
Beattie, George	Langley, Charles Hilton	Simpers, George Washington
Benjamin, De Witt Clinton	Pedrini, Cipriano	—26.

DIED :

Corrigal, John William Crawford, Ellison Lasselle—2.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report	24	Died	2
Exalted.....	3	Now borne upon the roll.....	26—28.
Affiliated.....	1—28.		

DELTA CHAPTER, No. 27.

Auburn, Placer County.

Stated Meetings, first Monday succeeding Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS :

John Gould Bisbee, <i>High Priest,</i>	William Albert Crowell, <i>Pr. Sojourner,</i>
Robert Fleming Rooney, <i>King,</i>	Wm. Bransen Lardner, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
John Mathias Fulweiler, <i>Sortie,</i>	William Isaac May, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Charles John Hellwig, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Jonathan Fulton, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
David Wlademer Luback, <i>Secretary,</i>	Edward Doyle Brown, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Alexander Kelly Robinson, <i>Capt. of Host,</i>	Robert William Roberts, <i>Guard,</i>

Past High Priests :

Charles John Hellwig, Robert Fleming Rooney, John Mathias Fulweiler.
John Gould Bisbee,

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Applegate, George Wallace	Grohs, Frederick Peter	Pemberton, George Francis
Barter, William	Haenny, John	Phillips, James Penrarya M.
Bell, Joseph Vincent	Harper, Thomas Burel	Predmore, Gerra Bretton
Chisholm, John	Hoppert, Christoph Henry	Severance, Wm. Wallace
Colburn, Frank Ellsworth	Hughes, David Griffith	Smith, Benjamin Franklin
Connor, John Michael	Linsinger, Michael David	Sparks, Reuben Moore
Cowan, Gordon Robinson	MacLennan, Malcolm C.	Stevenson, Thomas
Curtis, Henry Ohittenden	Martin, Charles	Taylor, Hosea
Delano, Ira Lemuel	McAnnich, John	Tickell, John
Dunnam, Benjamin Dulaney	Mears, Josiah	Todd, Thomas Milton
Gay, Charles	Miner, John Macklin	Whallon, Samuel Norton
Gladding, Albert James		—46.

RESTORED:

Severance, William Wallace—1.

MARK MASTERS:

Hartwick, Robert Charles

Sparks, William Martin—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....82
 Exalted.....12
 Affiliated..... 1
 Restored 1—46. Now borne upon the roll.....46.

STOCKTON CHAPTER, No. 28.

Stockton, San Joaquin County.

*Stated Meetings, fourth Tuesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Durrett Oliver Castle, <i>High Priest</i> ,	John Garwood, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Harry Nichols Bagge, <i>King</i> ,	William Henry Stone, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
George Elbert Catts, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Francis Gus. A. H. Bergman, <i>Master 3d Vall</i> ,
Edward Richard Hedges, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Isaac Henry Robinson, <i>Master 2d Vall</i> ,
George Alexander McKenzie, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Samuel Eikenbary Latta, <i>Master 1st Vall</i> ,
Joseph Henry Swain, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Charles Edward Howe, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Gilbert Burnett Claiborne,	Doran Lucius Campbell,	Eugene Lehe,
Edward Richard Hedges,	Henry Ephriam Robbins,	William Henry Stone,
Alexander Chalmers,	Arthur Morgan Noble,	Orin Staples Henderson.
George Alex. McKenzie,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Ashley, George Henry	Cotterell, William	Keyes, Henry Calcutt
Bachmann, Carl August	Culver, Gilbert Caleb	Lane, Frank Ellis
Barber, Joseph Martin	Cunningham, Thomas	Langford, Benj. Franklin
Beckman, Henry	Ditz, George, Jr.	Leitch, Archibald
Beede, Wm. Morris Stewart	Earle, Richard Thomas	McGuffick, William
Bonney, Charles Sumner	Eldridge, Edward Duane	McKinnon, Angus
Briggs, Sebra	Elliott, Lyman Weston	McPherson, Joseph Kennon
Brown, Phillip Thomas	Fraser, Phillip Barry	Milco, Nicola
Buchanan, Charles Joseph	Friedberger, Arnold	Misener, Norman Sumner
Buell, Park Arbington	Fyfe, Joseph	Morris, Osias Manly
Caine, John	Gersbacher, Joshua Barre	O'Brien, John Henry
Castle, Christ'r Champlin	Harrison, Norval	Orr, Nelson Mills
Cavin, James	Harrison, William Bruce	Peters, Joseph D
Cavis, Joseph William	Henderson, Milton Pierce	Phelps, Joseph Larose
Confer, Solomon Lytle	Henery, Samuel	Rhodes, Charles Wise
Corson, Charles Hartwell	Hickox, Flavil Gaylord	Rhodes, Wm. H. Harrison
Cross, Samuel Nelson	Hurd, Columbus	Robertson, Peter Sterling
Cobb, Frank Dyckman	Jory, John	Rolerson, Benjamin Franklin

Russell, Richard William	Smith, Wellington Treat	Tindall, Pleasant Hay
Sanguinetta, Domenico	Snow, William	Todd, Francis Walton
Shaw, Henry Coffin	Sperry, George Barker	Woods, Samuel Mosley
Shurtleff, George Augustus	Swain, Cornelius	Yardley, John—87.
Smith, James Webb	Thompson, John William	

RESTORED:

Lehe, Eugene—1.

WITHDRAWN:

West, Frederick Maccondray—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Harrold, Nathaniel Siggins—1.

EXCLUDED:

Lothrop, Isaac—1.

DIED:

Graham, William

Prugh, Winfield Webster—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....90	Withdrawn.....	1
Affiliated.....	Susp. for non-payment of dues.....	1
Restored.....	Excluded.....	1
	Died.....	2
	Now borne upon the roll.....	87—92.

MANZANITA CHAPTER, No. 29.

North San Juan, Nevada County.

*Stated Meetings, Saturday after Full Moon in each month.***OFFICERS:**

John Storer McBride, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William Dunning, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Frederick William Bank, <i>King</i> ,	John Quick, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Ashley Smith Bigelow, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Albert James Wood, <i>Master 3d Val</i> ,
John German, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Rasmus Peterson Rossen, <i>Master 2d Val</i> ,
Patrick Henry Butler, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Thomas Harris, <i>Master 1st Val</i> ,
John Trood, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Joseph Gordon Dickson, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

John Ambrose Seely,

John Storer McBride.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Allison, Peter	Gilbert, Josiah Stevens	Osborn, Thomas Israel
Atwater, Henry	Helwig, John Henry	Quick, Paul
Bell, Francis Hiram	Henderson, Duncan	Redington, James
Billing, John	Huff, William	Scheuerman, Charles
Bristow, William	Jepsen, Christian Otto	Skidmore, Bush Dix
Buhring, Harry Herman	Jones, John Richard	Skidmore, Grant
Bushell, Louis	Lancaster, Charles Edward	Thomas, Richard
Clymo, Francis	Llewellyn, Daniel	Trodd, William
Oull, Henry	McIntire, James Lamberton	Wood, Frank Merton
Cunard, James Henry	McMurray, Robert	Westerfield, William Jackson
Evans, John Owen	Mobley, Walter Leon	Wetsel, Theodore—47.
Fuller, Henry Bailey		

WITHDRAWN:

Rogers, William James

Harris, Thomas Voel—2.

DIED:

James, William David—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	44	Withdrawn.....	2
Exalted	6—50.	Died.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	47—50

NAPA CHAPTER, No. 30.

Napa, Napa County.

Stated Meetings, second and fourth Mondays in each Month.

OFFICERS:

Frederick N Giles, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Henry Conrad Horstmeyer, <i>Pr. Sojourner</i> ,
Ell Washington Hottell, <i>King</i> ,	Edward Bonsall, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Emmanuel Manasse, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Daniel Sterling Kyser, <i>Master 3d Val</i> ,
Henry Hay Knapp, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Henry Louis Amstutz, <i>Master 2d Val</i> ,
James Buchanan Gardner, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Morrow Henry Davis, <i>Master 1st Val</i> ,
George Wm. Strohl, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Amos Smith Knapp, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Henry Hay Knapp, <i>P.G.H.P.</i> ,	William Bradford,	Frederick N Giles.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bustelli, Gottardo	Haas, David Leopold	Morford, Nathan Albert
Coates, Frank	Hawks, John	Newcomb, Bethel Merritt
Crow, Max J	Hoadley, Horace James	Robinson, Joseph Lilburn
Eiles, Theodore	Holden, Samuel Emery	Shurtleff, Benjamin
Epley, Thomas Henry	Johnston, Finis Ewing	Starkweather, Chas. Henry
Fisher, William Frederick	Marble, Nelson	Sterling, Robert Henry
Gardner, Allen Monroe	Mason, James	Stevens, James Baunty
Goodman, Geo. Edmund, Jr.	McCollum, William John	Swift, John Jackson
Grossman, Adolphus Her'n	Mecklenberg, Joseph	Wilkins, Benjamin Sidney
Gwynn, William, Jr.	Miller, Francis Asbury	Zollner, John Ferdinand—43.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	48.	Now borne upon the roll.....	43.
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MARTINEZ CHAPTER, No. 31.

Martinez, Contra Costa County.

*Stated Meetings, Monday of or preceding Full Moon in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Lewis Cass Wittenmyer, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William Sewell Wells, <i>Prim. Sojourner</i> ,
William John Douglas, <i>King</i> ,	William Henry Buckley, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Simon Blum, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Albert Edmund Blum, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Isidor Weiss, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Max Blum, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
George Atwood Sherman, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Orville Irwin Menefee, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Charles Samuel Cousins, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	James Rankin, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Lewis Cass Wittenmyer,	William John Douglas.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Alexander, Geo. Edmund	Edwards, Hugh Pugh	Rhoads, John Charles
Aitken, James	Evans, Hugh	Ridgway, Frazier
Baldwin, Barry	Fernandez, Bernardo	Sanford, Farmer
Beede, Paul	Gamble, James	Swihart, George
Biggs, Walter Hick	Guy, John W	Taggart, Harry Wallace
Blum, Gabriel	Hinman, Justus Michael	Tennent, John Baptist
Boyd, John Wheaton	Jacobs, Samuel Bler	Terrill, George Willard
Bragdon, Edmund	Jones, Joseph Philip	Turner, Benjamin Coffin
Brown, Samuel	Lucas, John Goncaloes	Wagner, Theodore Fred C
Burpee, Winfield Scott	McCarger, Philander	Walker, James Tormay
Bush, George T	Pollock, Alexander Fletcher	Wiley, George Adrian
Catlett, Theodore Scott	Parkinson, Manuel Casada	Williams, Isaac—49.
Duffee, William Joseph		

DIED:

Wagy, Elmer D

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....49	Died.....1
Affiliated.....1—50.	Now borne upon the roll.....49—60.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER, No. 33.*Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.**Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Edward Anthony Preuss, <i>High Priest,</i>	Ansel Melen Bragg, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
William Henry Riggs, <i>King,</i>	Moritz Morris, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Max Wassman, <i>Scribe,</i>	John Henry Anderson, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Carl Frederick August Last, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Simon Cohen, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
William Francis Griggs, <i>Secretary,</i>	Charles Edwin Kenny, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
John King, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Edward Hall Miller, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Abraham Wolf Edelman,	George Frederick McLellan,	Carl Frederick August Last,
Samuel Prager,	Ansel Melen Bragg,	Edward Anthony Preuss.
James Seth Crawford,	John Goldsworthy,	

ROYAL ARCH MABONS:

Adams, Joseph Franklin	Gross, Frederick	Peck, Daniel Gager
Baruch, Berthold	Grymes, George Anderson	Philbin, John Andrew
Baruch, Jacob	Hellman, James Wolf	Portugal, Adolph
Brown, James	Jackson, John Eugene	Purvis, John Robert
Buffum, William Mansfield	Lawrence, John	Rowan, Thomas Edwin
Burckell, Leon	Levy, Eli Julius	Ryan, William Andrew
Burns, James Frank	Levy, Felix	Satter, Anton
Bush, William Tandy	Levy, Michael	Savage, William Henry
Campbell, John Henry	Loew, Jacob	Seaman, Lucien Sanger
Chandler, Burdette	Long, Jeremiah	Shaw, Thomas William
Ducommun, Charles Louis	Mahoney, John James	Smith, Charles Edgar
Eckert, Robert	Maier, Joseph	Solomon, Heyman
Ens, Charles Augustus	Meyburg, Moritz	Strohm, Thomas
Eyraud, Emanuel	Meyer, Samuel	Teel, Charles Adelbert
Fitzgerald, Paul Henry	Morris, John Wood	Weldon, Arthur
Glass, John Malcolm	Mott, Albert Clark	Weston, Benjamin S—66.
Gotthoff, David		

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Cohen, Benjamin	McFarland, Walter	Wellman, Fallis Kenton—5.
George, Ambrose Franklin	Strassburger, Nathan	

DIED :

Hewitt, Eldridge Edward—1.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....63	Susp. for non-payment of dues.... 5
Exalted..... 6	Died 1
Affiliated..... 8—72.	Now borne upon the roll.....66—72.

ALTURAS CHAPTER, No. 34.*Quincy, Plumas County.**Stated Meetings, Friday of or next preceding Full Moon.*

[No Returns.]

NAVAL CHAPTER, No. 35.

Vallejo, Solano County.

Stated Meetings, second Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

William Henry Clarke, <i>High Priest</i> ,	John Wilton Winton, <i>Prim. Sejourner</i> ,
Frederick Augustus Small, <i>King</i> ,	David Forney Beveridge, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Charles Henry Warford, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Sylvester Warford, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John Brownlie, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Orville Grant Mann, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Charles Franklin Mugridge, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Charles Richard Heath, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
George Rounds, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Henry Bruce, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

James Rooney,	Walter Duncan Anderson,	Patrick Haley,
Christian Theo. B. Hallin,	Henry Daniel Lazelle,	John Wilton Winton,
George Rounds,	David Forney Beveridge,	Sylvester Warford.
Joseph Bullock Coghlan,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Aden, Melchert Remmers	Ford, John Harris	Nagle, Richard Wellington
Aden, Remmer Joh'n Rem's	Frey, John	O'Harra, John Henry
Andrews, William	Gendreau, Charles Anthony	Pasallaqua, Bennaditto
Ashwell, Charles	Hall, George Henry	Perkins, Con Marrast
Bassford, Fordham Clay	Hammar, Alrik	Rae, James
Bergwall, Gustaf Adolph	Harrier, Daniel Webster	Rutherford, David
Bertoscky, Alex. Bertsch	Harrier, Louis Garibaldi	Sailor, John Henry
Butler, Ira Mortimer	Hawthorne, Charles Ralph	Savage, Thomas
Deninger, Jacob Frederick	Henderson, Orrington Lunt	Shillingsburg, William
Drake, Frank	Johnson, Otto	Thompson, John
Emens, Charles	Kemper, Melchior	Topley, James
Esborn, Homer	Lister, Benjamin	Voorhies, Albert Parsons
Farnham, John	Laviere, Frank	Webster, Henry John
Fassett, Thomas Odeon	Martin, James Lewis	Wilson, George Wilkins
Faust, John	McLees, Edmond	Wright, Martin Jeremiah
Ferrier, Francis	McPike, Andrew Jackson	—65.

RESTORED:

Laviere, Frank—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Peck, George Osgood, Hilton Plaisted, George Pomeroy—2.

DIED:

Butler, Orrin Hartwell Powell, Abraham Daly, Charles—3.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Duncan, John Kennedy Robinson, John Buckingham Williamson, John Marshall
 Good, Harry Carlton Russell, William Abbott —6.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	67	Withdrawn.....	3
Exalted.....	7	Susp. for non-payment of dues....	5
Affiliated.....	1	Died.....	3
Restored.....	1—76.	Now borne upon the roll.....	65—76.

OAKLAND CHAPTER, No. 36.

Oakland, Alameda County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

James Bestor Merritt, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Edward Harrison Morgan, <i>Pr. Sojourner</i> ,
Damien E Fortin, <i>King</i> ,	August Lewis Ott, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Robert Edgar, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Dwight Lucien Davis, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Frank Howard Brooks, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William Bowker Ingersoll, <i>Mas. 2d Vail</i> ,
John William McClymonds, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Edward Charles Bridgeman, <i>Mas. 1st Vail</i> ,
Albert Humphrey Merritt, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	Charles Edwin Gillett, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Benjamin Akerly,	Samuel Thorburn Black,	Edw'd Harrison Morgan,
Nathan W. Spaulding, <i>P. G. H. P.</i> ,	Amasa Wright Bishop,	Alvah Kittredge Clark,
Walter Laidlaw,	John Wm. McClymonds,	Joseph Fountain Chandler,
Frank Worthy Cushing,	William Frank Pierce,	Frederick Low Krause,
Frank Howard Brooks,	Charles Nelson Fox,	Francis Hy. E. O'Donnell,
Charles Edwin Gillette,	Webb Nicholson Pearce,	George Henry Smith.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Abel, John Jacob	Cordes, Paul Henry	French, Robert Elsworth
Allardt, George Frederick	Cormeny, Eugene	Frick, George William
Ames, Joseph Parker	Cox, George Washington	Gifford, William M
Antisell, Thomas Murphy	Craft, Richard Carson	Gilpin, Zachery Taylor
Austin, James Davis	Craig, Homer Alexander	Glasscock, John Raglan
Baker, Alfred Septimus	Craig, William Henry	Glenn, Alexander Glenn
Ball, Ambrose Everett	Cramer, Adolph Ed. Henry	Glines, Herbert Atherton
Baldwin, Robert Oliver	Cumming, William George	Goodman, George
Banks, Charles Wells	Cunningham, Parlan R	Gray, Roscoe Spaulding
Belden, Henry Keney	Cushing, John	Gunn, Adam Francis
Benner, Harry	Dalton, Henry Phillip	Hale, William Elmer
Betts, William Michael	Davis, William Rude	Hamilton, William Thomas
Bice, John	Deaner, Hiram Franklin	Handy, Brayton Everington
Bilger, Frank William	Degan, Ludolph Philip	Handy, Lucian Harvey
Blethen, Albion Keith Paris	De Golia, George Ellis	Haven, Charles Dwight
Bones, Samuel West	Delger, Frederick	Hayes, Daniel Edward
Brabban, Dixon	Dingee, William Jackson	Henshaw, Frederick Wm.
Bradley, John Tilford	Dobbins, Hugh Hollis	Henshaw, William Griffith
Breed, Arthur Hastings	Dodge, Ezekiel Goddard	Herbert, Henry Vandever
Brown, Lewis Henry	Dunbar, Sylvanus Gilman S.	Heron, Ernest Alvah
Burnham, Charles Franklin	Dynes, William Henry	Hewes, Charles Leslie
Burrell, Alfred William	Eadon, Moses	Hewes, Charles Wesley
Campbell, Alexander	Edgar, William James	Higgins, Charles Henry
Campbell, Fred'k McLean	Ellis, William	Hilborn, Samuel Greely
Camron, William Walker	Ely, Ralph Asahel	Hill, William Henry
Chappellet, Felix	Emery, Joseph Stickney	Hume, Joseph
Chittenden, Henry Hatfield	Evans, John Walter	Hunt, Thomas Edward
Clift, Frederick Charles	Everett, Frank Inches	Hyde, Marcus Darius
Collins, David Edward	Evers, Joseph Henry	Jones, Herbert Ellis
Concanon, William Norton	Everson, Wallace	Kendall, Alpheus

Kerr, Archie Fullerton	Owens, Wm. Henry Searls	Slaven, John Thompson
Kerr, Louis Carmick	Palmer, Chas. Theo. Hart	Smilie, Robert
Kerocheval, John Hereford	Palmer, Henry Austin	Smith, Henry Sydney
Knight, Frederick Wales	Pardee, Enoch Homer	Smith, William Clay
Koser, Newton Alexander	Parrish, William Henry	Stewart, Robert
Lamoureux, Philias Henry	Patterson, A. L. Orandall	Stoddart, Fred'k Peterson
Lancaster, Joseph	Patterson, George	Stone, Louis Stanwood
Leckie, Robert Stevenson	Payne, Frank Howard	Taft, Henry Clay
Lee, John	Perkins, George Clement	Taggart, Grantham Israel
Lentell, James	Phillips, John Waterman	Taylor, Albert Miles
Liese, Arthur Henry	Pierce, Charles Dexter	Taylor, Charles Benjamin
Long, Charles Stewart	Powell, Howell Aubrey	Templeton, James
Lord, Charles Reuben	Price, William Clay	Todd, James Hamilton
Lord, Leslie Howard	Prouse, Charles	Tubbs, Hiram
Loring, George York	Randall, Charles Wells	Turman, Byron Isaac
Magill, Arthur Edward	Rasmussen, Hans	Twombly, Charles Henry
Marr, Archibald Campbell	Redding, Albert Putnam	Upham, Isaac
Mau, Charles Frederick	Redington, Charles Henry	Veitch, William Thomas
Mauzy, Byron	Reichling, Louis Frank	Von Hirsch, Sementi Julius
McClain, Joseph	Reinstadler, Francois	Wadsworth, Henry
McComb, Edmund	Roach, James Vincent	Walsh, Edward Marion
McGuire, Jesse Milton	Robinson, Edward Constant	Walton, Jesse
Metcalf, George Dickson	Rodolph, Frank Bequette	Watson, Frank Granville
Miller, James	Russell, Thomas Bartlett	Watson, William Callaghan
Miller, Thomas Irving	Rutherford, Charles Beard'n	Weilbye, Julius Lars
Miller, William Noble	Sampson, Martin Meyer	Weilbye, William Hansen
Monnet, Louis	Schuller, Antonius	Williams, John
Moore, Albert Alphonzo	Seaton, Horace Scott	Williamson, Edw'd Melville
Morris, Moses	Shaffer, Louis	Wilson, James B
Mueller, Herman Emanuel	Shattuck, Francis Kittredge	Wilson, John Charles
Munson, Arthur King	Sherman, Edwin Allen	Wilson, William
Nelson, James Wesley	Shorey, Albert	Winchester, Ebenemer
Nichols, Ralph Kenniston	Siegfried, John Christian	Wise, Thomas Clark
Nordhausen, Ernest Albert	Skinner, Isaac Ash	Zabel, Julius—219.
Osgood, Ernest J		

MARK MASTERS:

Burton, John A.

Anderson, William Wilson—2.

WITHDRAWN:

Meade, Calvert—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Greenhood, Jacob

Lightner, Henry P

Littler, Oliver Wilson—4.

Johnson, Ellis Crowell

EXCLUDED:

Craib, William

Newsom, John J—2.

DIED:

Archibald, Francis Albert

Norris, Francis Marion

Raymond, Charles Seward

Crellin, John

Pinkerton, Thomas Hamill

Reichling, Francis—6.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	221	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted.....	9	Susp. for non-payment of dues...	4
Affiliated.....	2—232.	Excluded.....	2
		Died.....	6
		Now borne upon the roll.....	219—232.

SILOAM CHAPTER, No. 37.**Celfax, Placer County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

James Beede Knapp, <i>High Priest</i> ,	George Gould Towle, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Albert Halliday Smith, <i>King</i> ,	James Barrows Hayford, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Morris Lobner, <i>Scribe</i> ,	John Hamilton, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Henry Disque, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Hans Johnson Schon, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
John Butler, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Alexander Edwin Erakine, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
John Ezra McCornock, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	William Swift Makins, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Jacob Hart Neff, <i>P. G. H. P.</i> ,	Morris Lobner,	Jas. Barrows Hayford.
Joseph Spencer Quire,	John Butler,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Baker, William Mandeville	Holmes, William John	Martin, Henry Vassal
Beaman, John	Hudpohl, Herman Henry	McKenzie, Brigham Elias
Cadjew, Seland	Ingersoll, Darius	Nichols, Thomas Jefferson
Oahill, Thomas	Johnson, Gus. Adolphus	Oates, Louis Davis
Clendening, John	Jones, Frederick Charles	Perkins, William Stickney
Cloudman, Octavius King	Ketchum, Frank	Rabe, August Louis
Coffin, Isaac Tibbits	King, Thornton	Robie, Ira Allen
Davis, Abraham	Knapp, John Corlies	Rogers, Joseph
Dysart, John	Lakamp, John Henry	Svensson, Samuel Edward
Ellis, Henry	Lamphrey, Frank	Taylor, Henry Wilson
Hayford, William Barrows	Lohman, Peter	Tolman, Rufus Jenkins—48.
Heuser, George Henry		

MARK MASTERS:

Ackerman, Francis Marion	Jones, Frank Ellis	Norris, Albert—3.
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RESTORED:

Holmes, James—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Holmes, James—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....41	Withdrawn..... 1
Exalted..... 6	Now borne upon the roll.....48—49.
Affiliated..... 1	
Restored..... 1—49.	

SANTA CRUZ CHAPTER, No. 38.**Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Wednesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Thompson Wilson Drullard, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Bernard Wise, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Cathers Drummond Folsom, <i>King</i> ,	George Henry Harrington, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
George Staffier, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Coffee Adams Rice, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Samuel Arnold Bartlett, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Lawrence Lorenzen, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Henry Bias, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Benjamin Anthony Plant, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Edward Swift West, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Antone Cristofanini, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Peter Richmond Hinds, William W Gamble, Thompson Wilson Drullard.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Basey, John Clinton	Ely, Frank William	Middleton, Henry Louis
Baxter, Robert James	Fagan, Pierce Bye	Middleton, William Fackler
Chace, John Rufus	Fast, John Henry Adolph	Porter, William Ray
Chamberlain, Philander	Fitch, Edwin	Rueff, Gustavus Adol Karl T.
Cohn, Aron	Gilchrist, Adam	Russell, William
Coope, John Frederick	Haslam, William Douglass	Schwartz, Joseph
Coult, John Howard	Kron, Henry Frederick	Still, Arthur
Daubenbiss, John	Lincoln, Charles Henry	Sullivan, John Thomas
Dutton, James Lewis	Mathews, Theodore Vinton	Thompson, Richard
Dutton, James Marshall	Menefee, Frank George	Wiley, Henry
Efey, Robert	Middleton, Edward August	Williams, Edward Lawrence

—47.

WITHDRAWN :

Ely, William—1.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....	48	Withdrawn....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	47-48.

DONNER CHAPTER, No. 39.

Truckee, Nevada County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Daniel McPhetres, <i>High Priest,</i>	Joseph Dearborn Hilton, <i>Pria. Sojourner,</i>
David Shoemaker, <i>King,</i>	Charles Thomas, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Frank M Rutherford, <i>Scribe,</i>	John Fay, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Walter Marion Burokhalter, <i>Treasurer,</i>	William Rufus Spalding, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Irving Francis Harvey, <i>Secretary,</i>	Charles Seegel, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Herman Hison Jacobs, <i>Capt. of the Host.</i>	— — — — —, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests :

Charles Fayette McGlashan, William Harrison Prouty, William Rufus Spalding,
Joseph Marzen, Jr., William Ferdinand Wilkie, Samuel Parker.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adolph, Julius	Dutoher, Willard Perry	McDonald, John Joseph
Angus, George	Ferguson, Samuel Smith	Meloche, Frank Tancred
Bachelder, Jesse Howard	Giffin, George Washington	Micander, John
Balder, William	Glidden, Charles Edward	Milberg, Geo. Skiffenton
Bernardi, Julius De	Gowling, Joseph	Moody, John Fairfield
Calkins, Willard Peck	Gowling, Philip	Ohland, Fredrich
Carlson, John August	Hilton, George William	Peters, Medcalf Lorenzo
Champion, Francis	Hill, William Henry	Richardson, George Wash.
Cupples, Samuel	Hutchinson, John Thomas	Richardson, Warren
Dunn, Henry George	Joesink, Bernardus Hendr's	Schaffer, George
Dunster, George William	Lewison, Jacob Lewis	Sherriff, Henry

Steen, Nathaniel
Schneider, Adam
Schneider, Peter Gottlieb

Trewick, Archibald
Whitney, Thomas Byron

Wood, George
Young, Lamertine Wilson
—56.

PAST MASTER:

Robinson, Charles E—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Crawford, William George

Luxenberger, Michael—2.

DIED:

Oasper, Samuel—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....52	Withdrawn.....2
Exalted 7—59.	Died 1
	Now borne upon the roll 66—59.

RED BLUFF CHAPTER, No. 40.

Red Bluff, Tehama County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Saturdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Elias Delevan Gardner, *High Priest*,
John F Ellison, *King*,
Nathaniel Ioah Boone, *Scribe*,
William Brower Oshoone, *Treasurer*,
Pelham Howard Coffman, *Secretary*,
Nathaniel Merrill, *Captain of the Host*,

———, *Prin. Sojourner*,
Roderick Henry Bierce, *Royal Arch Capt.*,
Sylvanus Everett Murphy, *Master 3d Vail*,
Henry Erasmus Bidwell, *Master 2d Vail*,
Solomon David Schoenfeld, *Master 1st Vail*,
Samuel Lewis, *Guard*.

Past High Priests:

Nathaniel Merrill,

Elias Delevan Gardner.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Alexander, Charles Graham	Finnell, Simpson	Olmstead, Myron
Ballard, Curtis Durkee	Fish, Charles Erskine	Parent, Charles Edwin
Barham, James Lewis	Griggs, Sidney Allen	Peden, Albert Oliver
Blossom, Robert Hurd	Healey, Lucien Bonaparte	Pouillet, Eduard
Boole, Frank Arthur	Houghton, Francis	Radcliff, Osmond
Brattan, John Michael	Houseman, Robt. Porter	Rawson, Hiram Allen
Brown, Ancil Lyeurgus	Howell, Thomas Francis	Skedd, William Richard
Brown, Augustus Frank	Howell, Thomas Newton	Swain, Theodore Slevin
Campbell, Charles Abijah	Jelly, Frank Lee	Thompson, Joseph Moore
Campbell, Remembrance H.	Johnson, John Meyer	Vestal, George Wems
DeHaven, Jos. Lapaley G'd	Matthews, Francis Thomas	Ward, Ephraim Harlow
Duhig, Louis James	Mayhew, Horace Allen	West, John M
Eddy, William	McCoy, Leo Lewis	Wiendieck, Herman Henry
Elmore, Robert Hoyle	Montgomery, Will Thomas	Willard, George Kettridge
Enwicht, George	Morgan, George Edwin	Winsel, Eli Achum—68.
Epperson, Jacob Haney	Nethercott, Robert	

RETURNS OF THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

WITHDRAWN :

Gedney, David Wetmore

Kimball, George Gates—2.

EXCLUDED :

Clements, John

Richart, Henry Charles

Schroeder, Aug. G. Barnhart

Cameron, James Strong

Ryan, Pierce

Schubert, Eugene Washington

Pulse, George

—7.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....67

Withdrawn 2

Excluded..... 7

Now borne upon the roll.....58—67.

TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 41.

Watsonville, Santa Cruz County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS :

James Waters, *High Priest*,William George Hudson, *Pr. Sojourner*,Franklin Edwin Mauk, *King*,George Seitz, *Royal Arch Captain*,Hans Peter Brassel, *Scribe*,William Arthur Trafton, *Master 3d Vail*,John Edmund Trafton, *Treasurer*,George Arthur Trafton, *Master 2d Vail*,John Herbert McEwen, *Secretary*,Michael Gagnon, *Master 1st Vail*,Bela Sargent Andrews, *Captain of the Host*, Henry Edgar West, *Guard*.

Past High Priests :

James Martin Rogers,

William George Hudson,

John Nelson Benson.

James Waters,

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Aldrich, David Metcalf

Kilburn, Frederick Augustus Rea, Samuel

Austin, Frederick

Lennard, Frederick John

Shaver, Eugene Charles

Bixby, Aaron William

Linscott, James Austin

Still, George Wellington

Burbeck, Julius Lee

Moffat, Thomas

Storm, Peter

Chalmers, Alex. Barker

Morris, Moses

Stuart, William Baker

Clark, Edgar Lewis

Porter, John Thomas

Thompson, Samuel Halleck

Cox, Robert Benjamin

Porter, Warren Reynolds

Walters, Peter Kemp

Fowler, Charles

Rodgers, William Donelson

Webber, Henry Lewis

Hursh, George Washington

Rea, James William

Wren, Joseph R—41.

DIED :

Ingham, James

Lewis, Alexander

Mynatt, Elvin Farren—3.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....40

Died..... 3

Exalted 4—44. Now borne upon the roll..... 41—44.

CHICO CHAPTER, No. 42.

Chico, Butte County.

*Stated Meetings, second and fourth Mondays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Thomas Bicknell, <i>High Priest,</i>	Emil Meybem, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Harman McCargar, <i>King,</i>	Jefferson Davis Marsh, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
John Cardiff Daly, <i>Scribe,</i>	William Leroy Bradley, <i>Master 3d Val,</i>
Alexander Hill Crew, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Charles Alexander March, <i>Master 2d Val,</i>
Gilbert Hart Taylor, <i>Secretary,</i>	Eugene Erastus Canfield, <i>Master 1st Val,</i>
William Henry Miller, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Thomas L Bohlender, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Charles Faulkner,	Samuel Hunter Montgomery,	William Thomas,
John Rose Robinson,	Eugene Erastus Canfield,	Alexander Hill Crew.
Edward Tillotson Reynolds,	William Henry Miller,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Applegate, William James	Garner, John Mortimer	Montgomery, J. W. Bradford
Barnard, Timothy Henry	Gleeson, John Rodney	Montgomery, Park
Batchelder, Hiram Treat	Gwynn, Pleasant Marion	Murdock, Robert Burns
Bell, Hugh Thomas	Hansen, Anders Mathias	Peake, William Humphrey
Boucher, Josiah, Jr.	Hansen, Lauritz	Peterson, Geo. Fred. Christ'n
Boyles, Adam Courtney	Hartford, John William	Reichling, Peter
Carney, George Washington	Haughton, Jos. Richardson	Schooler, William Henry
Chapman, Augustus Harley	Hilliard, Marion	Schulze, Oscar Carl
Clark, Oliver Lovell	Holloway, James Thomas	Snowden, James William
Crew, Henry William	Jones, Ralph Taylor	Stansbury, Oscar
Cussick, Barney	Jones, Samuel	Steuben, Henry William
Davison, James	Lausen, Henry Datieff	Stevens, Warren Charles
Dugger, James Madison	Linn, W Birney	Turner, John Calvin
Durham, Wm. Wellington	Lothrop, Matthew Hale	Warren, Cyrus Greenleaf
Elliott, Wesley Stockwell	Mack, William Edwin	Weston, Jubal
Evans, Aaron	McIntosh, Louis Harrison	Wetherbee, Ira Alston
Evans, Sylvester Kirkwood	Mitchell, James Ewing	White, Harry Darius—69.
Freeman, Frank		

MARK MASTER:

Cunningham, Charles Arnold—1.

RESTORED:

Garner, John Mortimer Jackson, Frank Mason—2.

WITHDRAWN:

Jackson, Frank Mason—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Hibbard, Albert A Reavis, William Andrew—2.

DIED:

Papst, Charles James Boydstun, James Knox Polk—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....70	Withdrawn..... 1
Exalted 2	Susp. for non-payment of dues.... 2
Restored..... 2—74.	Died..... 2
	Now borne upon the roll.....69—74.

SOLANO CHAPTER, No. 43.**Suisun, Solano County.***Stated Meetings, first Saturday succeeding Full Moon in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Jerome Bonaparte Richardson, <i>H. Priest,</i>	Geo. Frederick Wooderson, <i>P. Sojourner,</i>
James Stewart Brown, <i>King,</i>	Allen Charles Miller, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Edgar Ernest Long, <i>Scribe,</i>	Albert Levi Reed, <i>Master 3d Val,</i>
Eben Dorman Perkins, <i>Treasurer,</i>	William Ferdinand Gabriel, <i>Master 2d Val,</i>
Abraham Farr Hitchcock, <i>Secretary,</i>	Chester Wetmore, <i>Master 1st Val,</i>
Freeman Hunnewell, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	William Kimball Hoyt, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Jerome Bonaparte Richardson,	Eben Dorman Perkins,	Freeman Hunnewell,
Allen Charles Miller,	Albert Alexander Dickie,	Albert Levi Reed.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Andersen, Alden	Frazer, John Robert	Okell, Edward Joseph
Blum, Jacob	Frank, Ferdinand	Parker, William Boyd
Bronson, Howard Cuyler	Gates, James Walker	Reynolds, Jas. Wm. Bryson
Brown, William Burrell	Gates, Thomas Lee	Robbins, Ruel Drinkwater
Buck, Ingalls Kenney	Hacke, Henry Frederick	Rush, Benjamin Franklin
Capell, James Smith	Harris, Henry	Sheldon, William Corydon
Cerkel, Wolf	Hatch, Anthony Timothy	Stewart, Edgar L
Cohn, Jacob	Hoyt, Julian Buell	Stewart, Samuel
Danielson, John	Junken, James Noble	Stitt, James Warren
Davisson, William Gustavus	Kelly, Kirk Etna	Stephens, William Bell
Dellinger, Ambrose Craig	Konanda, Thomas	Stevenson, Andrew Vincent
Dinkelspiel, Morris	Leithead, James	Stevenson, Charles Albert
Downing, William Green	Losce, Charles Henry	Tomassini, Guelno
Emigh, Thomas Powell	Malachi, John	Waugh, Benjamin James
English, William Pomeroy	Miller, Meredith Rains	Weinberger, Marcus
Eversole, Henry	Oberti, Joseph	Wilson, Thomas Stanley

—61.

PAST MASTER:

Staples, Ernest Herbert—1.

RESTORED:

Weinberger, Marcus—1.

EXCLUDED:

Reeves, William W. Redmond—1.

DIED:

Wolf, William

Buck, William Leonard

Henderson, Fred Lewis—3.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....61	Excluded.....	1
Exalted.....3	Died.....	3
Restored.....1—65.	Now borne upon the roll.....	61—65.

VISALIA CHAPTER, No. 44.*Visalia, Tulare County.**Stated Meetings, fourth Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Edward McDonald Graham, <i>High Priest,</i>	Seth Smith, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
William Hall Hammond, <i>King,</i>	Edward Erastus McVeagh, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
Wheaton Andrew Gray, <i>Scribe,</i>	Thomas Chatten, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
James Edward Denny, <i>Treasurer,</i>	John Francis Jordan, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
William Gaillard Dozier, <i>Secretary,</i>	Edmund Jones Fudge, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Eldridge Calvin Farnsworth, <i>Capt. of Host,</i>	Freedom Moulton Rice, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Robert Chidley Broder,	Charles Henry Murphy,	Edward Harrison Miles.
Joseph Clarence Ward,	William B Wallace,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Anderson, David Oscar	Hall, Albon Eugene	Pogue, James Wm. Center
Bowhay, Jasper Newton	Hausch, Christian	Quinn, Harry
Chatten, Richard	Hockett, John Benjamin	Thompson, Frank A
Cranston, Floyd Cole	Jones, John Simeon	Tracy, Persus Sprague
Crowley, Green Berry	McIntyre, Thomas	Tuohy, John
Glasscock, Alpha Hayden	Nelson, William Dennis	Tuxberry, William Dwight
Goad, John Cornelius	Overall, Daniel Griffith	Wells, Morgan James
Guggenheim, Leon	Parker, George Alvia	Woods, Ezekiel Wm. Smith

—41.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS:

Johnson, John Sublit	Jerusalem, Henry	Keltner, William—3.
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WITHDRAWN:

Freeman, Robert Lee—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Smith, George Washington	Pease, Edwin E—2.
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RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....44	Withdrawn.....	1
	Susp. for non-payment of dues.....	2
	Now borne upon the roll	41—44.

SANTA ROSA CHAPTER, No. 45.*Santa Rosa, Sonoma County.**Stated Meetings, first Friday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

George Hall, <i>High Priest,</i>	Duncan E McKinley, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
William Jordan Doggett, <i>King,</i>	Geo. S Kelly McCallum, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
Henry Crawford Crowder, <i>Scribe,</i>	Alex. Douglas Laughlin, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Milo Smith Davis, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Charles Kobes, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Charles Augustus Hoffer, <i>Secretary,</i>	Willie Burton Simpson, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
John McGill Laughlin, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Emory Temple Mills, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests :

Augustus Leander Fisher,	Edward Walker Davis,	Allen Bryant,
Allison Burr Ware,	Hiram Lewis Tripp,	Allen Bosley Lemmon,
Henry J Ross,	Walter Clifford Good,	Peter Nicholas Stofen,
Alex. Douglas Laughlin,	George Anderson Tupper,	Charles Martin Bumbaugh

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Allen, Samuel Irwin	Hoover, Abram	Phelps, Charles Lorraine
Anderson, Thos. Hart Bent'n	Hoover, John	Phillips, Walter
Appleton, Wellington	Hosmer, Winslow Simon	Piggott, James Kenneth
Arnold, Amasa W	Howell, Louis Vanburgh H.	Prosek, Charles
Baker, Walter Hnassey	Hughea, John	Ross, John
Barnett, Joel Dwight	Hunt, Joseph Hancock	Shelmerdine, Edw. Kirkland
Berka, Frank	Hunt, William Jesse	Simmons, Leeson Gaskill
Box, James Allen	Ink, Walter Payne	Sinclair, George Henry
Brown, Alexander	Johnson, Andrew	Sparks, George Washington
Brown, John	Joost, Jacob	Speller, George
Burger, Calvin Hayden	Juillard, Louis William	Spencer, Byron M
Burris, Luther William	Kerridge, Frederick John	Steadman, Welcome Judson
Cherry, Frank Eugene	Korbel, Antone Francis	Stites, Alexander Hill
Colgan, Edward Power	Label, Herman	Stone, Nathan Jonas
Crawford, Richard Fruit	Laughlin, James Henry	Taylor, John Shackelford
Devereaux, Elisha William	Loomis, Frank Clemmens	Thompson, Robert Augustus
Dohn, George Ernest	Mailier, James Clark	Thompson, Thomas Larkin
Eatinghausen, Wm. Adams	McConnell, William Elliot	Thorsen, Jesse Fremont
Farmer, Charles Rollen	McDonald, Mark L	Trowbridge, George Tyler
Fountain, Orlando	McMinn, John	Vanderhoof, Martin V. Buren
Fulkerson, Theodorus S.	Morris, Henry Bullen	Warboys, John Walter
Gannon, James	Murdock, Lewis Anthony	Warner, James Judson
Green, Paul Franklin	Nelson, William Clark	Watson, James Reade
Grindie, Joshua	Oakes, George William	Wilton, Thomas Garrett
Hall, Joseph Edward	Overton, Albert Perry	Wines, William Freeman
Halling, Frederick	Page, Charles Albert	Wright, Augustus Sylvanna
Henry, James		—102.

RESTORED :

Box, James Allen

Oakes, George William—2.

WITHDRAWN :

Brown, George D	Hodgson, William Henry	Pithlado, Charles Bruce—4.
Clark, Frederick Longworth		

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Abshire, Alfred O	Dunbar, John	Highly, William
Brandt, Louis	Farmer, Christ'r Columb's	Shearer, Fred'k Eichelberger
Caldwell, Charles Young	Harris, Jacob	Wright, James California—9.

EXCLUDED :

Metcalf, Samuel Washington—1.

DIED :

Nye, William Everett

Walker, John—2.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report....	114	Withdrawn.....	4
Exalted.....	2	Susp. for non-payment of dues..	9
Restored.....	2—118.	Excluded....	1
		Died.....	2
		Now borne upon the roll.....	102—118

WOODLAND CHAPTER, No. 46.**Woodland, Yolo County.***Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Franklin Sylvester Freeman, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Francis Ellsworth Baker, <i>Pr. Sojourner</i> ,
Donald Fraser, <i>King</i> ,	Philip Thomas Langenour, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Frederick Miller, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Temple Perrin Magee, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John Dickson Stephens, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	James Thomas Taylor, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
James Kerson Smith, <i>Secretary</i> ,	William Henry Winne, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Loron Warren Hilliker, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Edward Glendenning, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Donald Fraser,	Loron Warren Hilliker,	Franklin Sylvester Freeman.
Francis Ellsworth Baker,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adams, Levi Brandon	Diggs, David Pitt	Harling, Micajah Oglesby
Arena, Thomas Otto	Dresbach, William	Hill, Henry Abraham
Armstrong, Edward Milton	Ely, Isaac Jefferson	Houx, David Franklin
Beebe, Charles Emmett	Frederick, John George	Howard, Stephen A
Bower, John Gustar	Frost, Charles Stinson	Hurlbut, George Rodgers
Brown, Elijah William	Gable, Amos William	Lowry, John William
Charmak, Louis	Gable, Harvey Clinton	Marden, William Harrison
Cobb, Leroy	Garey, George Jones	Nelson, William Wirt
Craig, Thornton	Goodin, Thomas Clinton	Rahm, Francis Marion
Cramer, Lewis	Grim, William Everett	Williams, John Calvert
Davison, Benj. Franklin	Guthrie, Thomas Walker	Young, Joseph Garnet—46.
Day, Charles Granville		

WITHDRAWN:

Freeman, John Watts—1.

DIED:

Cohen, William—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....45	Withdrawn..... 1
Exalted..... 2	Died 1
Affiliated .....1—48.	Now borne upon the roll .....46—48.

LASSEN CHAPTER, No. 47.**Susanville, Lassen County.***Stated Meetings, second Saturday after Full Moon in each month.***OFFICERS:**

William Brookman, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Morris Asher, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Frederick Himes, <i>King</i> ,	Jules Alexander, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
William Thomas Masten, <i>Scribe</i> ,	James Branham, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Lyman Collins Stiles, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Noble Samuel McKinsey, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Wright Patrick Hall, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Anthony Otto, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Julien Eugene Pardee, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	John Hanson Marker, <i>Guard</i> .

RETURNS OF THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

Past High Priests :

Eber Gaston Bangham,
Phillip Jacob Gonmaz,

James Branham,

William Brockman

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Alexander, Abraham	Kingsbury, William Charles	Pullen, Granville
Bailey, Ira Eugene	Knoch, David	Ripley, Charles Jackson
Bereman, Henry	Kruger, Frank	Sharp, James Porter
Cahlan, John	Latham, Melancthon S.	Smith, Albert Augustus
Cramer, Daniel	McGill, Robert Lealie	Smith, Isaac Wright
Emmons, Theo. Frelingh'n	McKenzie, Donald William	Snyder, Henry
Hall, William Henry	McKisick, Jacob	Spalding, Zetus Newell
Hathaway, Hiram Jackson	Otto, Fred.	Talbot, Enoch Stanwood
Hendrick, James Wesley	Pierce, George Strunk	Winchell, Hiram—41.

DIED :

Lockwood, John Ranshaw—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Crane, William Henry	Minckler, William David	Santee, Milton
Dodge, Edward Robert	Miller, Andrew	Stoll, Charles Michael
Hyer, David Campbell	McKenzie, Alex. Archibald	Williams, Eugene Albert
McDow, Lafayette Decatur	Moon, Abraham Gillette	—11.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	53	Died.....	1
		Susp. for non-payment of dues.....	11
		Now borne upon the roll.....	41—63.

DIXON CHAPTER, No. 48.

Dixon, Solano County.

Stated Meetings, Tuesday of or next preceding Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

John William McFadyen, <i>High Priest,</i>	William Henry Garnett, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
John Devano Grady, <i>King,</i>	James Phillip Martin, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Claus Frahm, <i>Scribe,</i>	Robert John Curry, <i>Master 3d Val,</i>
John Henry Bice, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Seligman Goodman, <i>Master 2d Val,</i>
George Ulsteen, <i>Secretary,</i>	George Steinmiller, <i>Master 1st Val,</i>
George Clifford Russell, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	John Rightmire Madden, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

John Sweany,
Herman Eppinger,

William Henry Wells,

John William McFadyen.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Abbey, John Alexander	Clark, Calvin Crawford	Eppinger, Joshua
Agee, Christ'r Columbus	Craig, Frederick	Etlinger, Bernhard
Aiken, Perly Johnson	Currey, Montgomery Scott	Ferguson, Wm. Redmond
Apperson, James Edwin	Donoho, Charles Cambridge	Fraser, Gillivray
Baker, William	Downs, George McClellan	Garnett, James Sinclair
Bates, Walter Earnest	Englehart, Edmond Johnson	Gates, Thomas Milton

Gordon, Melvin Barnes	McCune, Joseph Henry	Russell, William Ogburn
Gould, Eugene Henry	Morrison, Robert	Simms, William
Grove, John Calvin	Nielson, Ole	Stephens, Rob't Edmond Lee
Hilman, Arthur Constant'e	Moon, James Luman	Thompson, George
Ireland, Elias	Nudd, Elmer Ellsworth	Ulsteen, John G
Job, Charles Edward	Page, David Cooper	Wire, Benjamin Franklin
Kelly, Benjamin Franklin	Rierson, Robert Lee	Wolfskill, Edward
Kline, Joseph	Ross, Henry Ackson	Yount, George Walter—59.
McCune, Henry Ewalt	Russell, Francis Exaria	

MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS :

Kirby, Charles Martin

McFadyen, Harry—2.

DIED :

Agee, Charles Frederick

Morris, William Henry—2.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....	54	Died..	2
Exalted	6	Now borne upon the roll.....	59—61.
Affiliated.....	1—61.		

MODESTO CHAPTER, No. 49.

Modesto, Stanislaus County.

Stated Meetings, second Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS :

Andrew Robertson Jamison, <i>High Priest,</i>	Robert Elder, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Thomas Kennan Beard, <i>King,</i>	Frederick Henry Zander, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
George Russell Stoddard, <i>Scribe,</i>	Walter Benjamin Wood, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Adolphus Hewel, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Clarence Augustus Stonesifer, <i>Mas. 2d Vail,</i>
Julius Dettelbach, <i>Secretary,</i>	Edward Meinecke, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Frank Albert Cressey, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Richard Benjamin Purvis, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests :

Elihu Burritt Beard,	Gilbert Paul Ostrom,	Frank Albert Cressey,
Adolphus Hewel, <i>G.H.P.,</i>	Andrew Robertson Jamison,	Frederick Henry Zander.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Alexander, John Stewart	Haalacher, Jacob	Ripperdan, Isaac
Bach, William Francis	Kahn, Louis	Root, Milton Burdette
Bartch, Frederick	Kilburn, Guy	Shirley, Hopkins Tinney
Bledsoe, Willis	Klehn, Henry	Stewart, Alexander
Dalby, Samuel Price	Kuhns, Elmer	Stratton, John Augustus
Davis, Frank Collins	Lathrop, James McElroy	Tulloch, John William
Dorsey, Caleb	Lawrence, George	Weyer, Frederick
Elfers, Charles Diedrich	Longhead, George	Wright, Chris. Columbus
Hall, William Wheeler	Richardson, Thomas	Yancey, Thomas Grayson
Hayter, Abram La Fayette	Riggs, John Stewart	—43.

EXCLUDED :

Fortune, James Pulaski—1.

RETURNS OF THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Thomas, Richard Henry Young, John Phillip Zimdars, Otto Earnest—4.
Tuggle, William Harrison

DIED :

Means, Andrew Jackson—1.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report	49.	Excluded	1
		Susp. for non-payment of dues.....	4
		Died.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll	43—49.

VENTURA CHAPTER, No. 50.

Ventura, Ventura County.

Stated Meetings, Tuesday of or next preceding Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

Frederick William Baker, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Willis Philip Lincoln, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Herbert Alvaro Giddings, <i>King</i> ,	Benj. Tully Williams, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Henry Isaac Hoppin, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Amos Dudley Seward, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John Stevenson Collins, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Moise Lazard Wolff, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Wm. Henry Albert Thompson, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Joseph Lowden Churchman, <i>Mas. 1st Vail</i> ,
Lasco Addison Mitchell, <i>Captain of Host</i> ,	David Rhodes Dennison, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests :

Eugene Preston Foster,	Kenneth Peter Grant,	James Walker,
James Allen Day,	Edward Taylor Hare,	Frederick William Baker.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Badgeley, Andrew	Davis, Frank Elwell	McGuire, William
Bard, Cephas Little	Dickson, Samuel Thompson	McIntosh, George Robert
Bard, Thomas Robert	Eastin, La Fayette Findle	McKevett, Charles Henry
Benchley, Edward Kellogg	Ely, Martin Judah	Metcalf, Charles Wesley
Blackstock, Nehemiah	Falkenstein, Ulysses S. Grant	Mott, David Wallace
Blanchard, Nathan Weston	Galley, Daniel Gregg	Nelson, William Rensselaers
Brooks, James Marion	Gilbert, Geo. Shoabr'ge, Jr.	Robinson, Chr'p'r Maxwell
Cannon, Marlon	Gosnell, Truman B	Simpson, Volney Alexander
Chrisman, Gilpin Wallace	Hall, Elwin Smith	Todd, Theodore
Comstock, Andrew Jackson	Knighten, William Amon	Viriden, Edwin
Cox, Richard	Mack, James	Waring, Isaac Hudson—62.
Crawford, James Monroe	McFie, William Thomas	

PAST MASTER :

Power, George Coffin—1.

WITHDRAWN :

Budreau, Edward Silas	McKeeby, Lemuel Clarke	Smith, Alvin Billings—4.
Hotchkiss, Merritt E		

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Kaiser, Joseph M

Taylor, Oscar—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	54	Withdrawn.....	4
Exalted.....	4—58.	Susp. for non-payment of dues...	2
		Now borne upon the roll	52—58.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, No. 51.

Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

William Preston Butcher, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Benjamin Franklin Thomas, <i>P. Sojourner</i> ,
Samuel Manchester, <i>King</i> ,	Robert Fulton Winchester, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
John Kennedy Harrington, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Lance Richardson, Jr., <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Jos. McCullough Garretson, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Wilson Lincoln Clark, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Alfred Bascom Williams, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Mark Thompson, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Albert Perham Hardy, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Daniel Moyer, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

John Peck Stearns,	Rollin Dunsbee,	Frank Adelbert Conant,
Benjamin Franklin Thomas,	John N Hiller,	William Preston Butcher.
John Delos Peer,	Edward Gardner Dodge,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Andrus, James Henry	Hill, Jesse	Rasey, Charles William
Atlee, William Augustus	Hollister, Harold Albert	Rogers, Herbert Augustine
Barker, James Lawrence	Kelton, Charles Henry	Rundell, Eli
Burson, Joseph H	Knight, Clarence Crosby	Shotwell, Marcus Aveatus
Cope, Walter Burton	Laughlin, Henry James	Squier, Oliver Perry
Dimock, Harry Clinton	Linguest, August Ledwek	Todd, Alexander Brunt
Faber, George	Loomis, Ira	Treadway, Clinton William
Franklin, Gideon Edwards	McFarlane, James Clarke	Whitaker, James Gilmore
Gourley, Eliakim Tupper	Norway, William Henry	Wilson, Albert Calhoun Jos.
Gregory, Charles McClohn	Ott, Adam	Wilson, Jerome Calvin
Hawley, Walter Augustus	Paddock, Edgar Luzerne	Zimmerman, William—53.
Henderson, David Rees	Pratt, Edward Baker	

PAST MASTER:

Enis, Fostop—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Austin, James Henry

Mathis, Jacob Alvin—2.

DIED:

Childs, George Edward

Lehman, David Isaac—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	44	Withdrawn.....	2
Exalted	11	Died.....	2
Affiliated.....	2—57.	Now borne upon the roll.....	53—57.

HUMBOLDT CHAPTER, No. 52.

Eureka, Humboldt County.

Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Emery Jonathan Chapman, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Thomas Barnes Cutler, <i>Prin. Safeguard</i> ,
Robert Copeland, <i>King</i> ,	Louis Persons, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Louis Rice, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Lewis Buoncorno Kingsbury, <i>Mas. 3d Val</i> ,
James William Henderson, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Edward Backenstose, <i>Master 2d Val</i> ,
William Patterson Hanna, <i>Secretary</i> ,	George Langford, <i>Master 1st Val</i> ,
Edward Nelson Borg, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	William Daniel McKay, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Thomas Blakwell,	Thomas Barnes Cutler,	Emery Jonathan Chapman.
Jos. Dibble Hoyt Chamberlain,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Anderson, Andrew William	Graham, Wesley Charles	Ohman, Ignatius Joseph
Anderson, James Peter	Greenwald, Julius	Oliver, Frank Wright
Anderson, William Orr	Haensel, Julius Heinrich Gus	Patenaude, Amos Oliver
Auraud, Frank Clateon	Hamilton, John	Percy, Edwin Hudson
Barnard, James Edwin	Harpst, Charles Isaiah	Phillips, Edwin S
Baylor, Daniel	Harpst, Cornelius N	Pine, Safford Fay
Beckwith, Frank Walter	Hetfield, Albert DeForest	Powell, Robert Baldwin
Bonifield, Samuel	Hetherington, John, Jr.	Renfro, David Kennedy
Brown, Thomas McGinnis	Hill, Randall	Roberts, James Thomas
Buck, Silas Montgomery	Horel, Francis	Roberts, Albert D
Bull, John Clark	Houda, John Paul	Roberts, Melvin Parker
Bull, John Clark, Jr.	Houda, Bohumil Antonin	Ross, Andrew Walker
Campbell, Alexander	Howard, Clarence M. Leig'n	Ross, James
Carson, Charles Alexander	Howatt, James College Pope	Russ, Ira Alonzo
Carson, George	Holmes, Samuel	Ryan, John Walter
Cave, Henry Alfred	Hunter, George Washingt'n	Sherburne, Benjamin F
Christie, Howard Lester	Hutchins, Robert Walker	Sevier, Ernest
Clark, Robert Dale	Jackson, Harry Woodville	Sherwood, Edgar Dudley
Clyborne, W Frank	Jada, James	Siedell, Arthur Charles
Cutler, Thomas	Keene, George Hamilton	Sinclair, John Archibald
Dale, Jeremiah	Killian, William	Smith, James L
Davis, Jasper Newton	Korbel, Joseph Francis, Jr.	Spring, Obadiah Hill
Davis, Henry De Lasaux	Langford, George	Stewart, George E
Delamere, Henry Sinclair	Luther, Frank William	Stoesziger, Julius Theodore
Dinkelspiel, Adolph	Marvin, George D	Stone, Wesley Whipple
Dinamore, William	Maurer, John Lester	Sudbrock, Albert
Doe, Charles Albion	Melendy, John Marvin	Swanger, Samuel Adams
Douglas, George Carlton	McCann, Charles Frederick	Thompson, Hiram Freeman
Dungan, Garland Albert	McCullins, David	Thompson, Jamee Franklin
Dunlap, David N	McGeorge, John Frederick	Thompson, Sidney William
Emerson, Thomas Ruthven	McKay, Richard	Trost, John Henry
Everding, Louis Charles	McLeod, John	Wentworth, Harris Barnes
Faron, Lewis Hoile	McNamara, William Jewett	Williams, George Frank
Gallo, John Thomas	Nelson, Aaron Frederick	Wilson, Emet Wakeman
Graeter, Luther Drury	Noe, Jesse Lafayette	Zaruba, Valcar
Graham, John George	Noecker, Charles	Zehndner, George—122.

RESTORED:

Barnard, James Edwin—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Glennon, Patrick Joseph—1.

DIED:

Boyce, William

Whipple, Stephen Grant—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	119	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted.....	5	Died.....	2
Restored..	1—125.	Now borne upon the roll.....	122—125.

UKIAH CHAPTER, No. 53.

Ukiah, Mendocino County.

*Stated Meetings, first and third Wednesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

John Henry Barker, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William Ross Elliot, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Lyman William Babcock, <i>King</i> ,	John Snow, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
George McCowen, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Benoit Samuel Hirsch, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Samuel Wheeler, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	James Brown Benton, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Samuel Dibel Paxton, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Francis Marion Mason, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
William Truman Kirkwood, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	Norton Wagenseller, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

John Wesley Jenkins,	William Watkins Cunningham,	James Robert Mathews,
George McCowen,	James Milton Mannon,	Benson Clark Bellamy.
Edward Warren King,	George Washington Stout,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Abraham, Louis	Harbert, Lee Z	Packard, Charles Oscar
Baily, Washington Irving	Hatch, Hiram Treat	Peterson, James Lewis
Bechtol, Albert George	Heeser, William	Reedy, Lawrence Joseph
Boulon, Paul Amabel Leon	Hendrix, Jay Ward	Reilly, James Edward
Carothers, Thomas Langley	Henley, Whitcomb	Salmon, George Washington
Charlton, Thomas	Hoak, Newman Elvin	Saunders, John Herbert
Compton, Thos. Jefferson	Jarvis, Henry Herbert	Seawell, John Henry
Cunningham, Charles	Kilbourn, William Vincent	Severance, Frank Billings
Dart, Frederick William	Kimball, Charles	Singley, George Henry
De Camp, Clarence Eastman	Levy, Morris Frank	Standley, Jeremiah M
Donohue, Edward John	Marks, Seymour	Tanner, Dennis
Eastman, Henry Lee	McCowen, Hale	Taylor, John
Forse, William Henry	McGarvey, Robert	Taylor, John Harris
Foster, Jesse Valentine	McKay, Andrew	Thomas, Andrew Jackson
Grey, Ninian Edward	McPhee, George Sanford	White, Clarence Ulmer
Gowell, Charles Alfred	Montague, Lemuel Davis	Whitten, Carroll Henry
Hagans, William Anderson	Mothersole, Thomas	Wood, Casimir Jackson
Hagenmyer, Gebhard	Newfield, Marcus	Yell, Archibald
Handy, Fred Clark	Orr, James Henry	Zimmerman, William Tell
Hargrave, Pitman Colbert		—77.

RETURNS OF THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

Stuckey, Simon Filmore—1.

PAST MASTER:

Halliday, Joseph Crockett—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Barnes, Thomas Langley	Isbell, William	Reed, John Smith
Bransford, Walter Lee	Lane, John Crosby	Sleeper, Ed
Donohoe, Jeremiah Henry	Markle, Robert Bruce	Smith, Martin Thomas
Gerber, August	Proudfoot, William	Smith, Tracy Hubbard
Hornbrook, Sanders	Bawles, Thomas Edward	Updegraff, Jacob—15.

EXCLUDED:

Holliday, Stonewall Jackson—1.

DIED:

Day, Louis Taylor

Collyer, William Henry—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	95.	Swag. for non-payment of dues.....	15
		Excluded.....	1
		Died.....	2
		Now borne upon the roll.....	77—95.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 56.

San Bernardino, San Bernardino County.

Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Milford Byron Terrass, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Harry Charles Howland, <i>Pr. Sojourner</i> ,
Amos Kendall Holt, <i>King</i> ,	John Lawrence Mekley, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Josephus Darby Warner, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Jere. Drake Onsteroout, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Edward David Roberts, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Frederick Richard Bright, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Daniel Taylor Brummett, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Smith Cook Haile, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Horace Cowen Rolfe, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Edward Alexander Smith, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Horace Cowen Rolfe,	Wm. Lloyd Garrison Soule,	Henry A. Keller.
Thomas Jonathan Wilson,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Andreson, John	Hanna, John Bennett	Knox, John Thompson
Burrall, George Edward	Hart, Alexander Hamilton	Lord, George
Camp, Daniel Kent	Hook, John	McCullough, Wm. Pinkney
Clark, Horace	Hooper, William Swayze	Moree, Arthur Perry
Cole, George Benjamin	Hubbard, Anthony Gerhart	Oster, Frank Frederick
Crafts, George Herbert	Jacobs, Lewis	Porter, William Robert
Davis, Milo Eugene	Johnson, John Franklin	Shaw, David Augustus
Douglass, Jerome J	Kennedy, Robert James	Wegnori, Henry Francis
French, George William	King, John Caleb	Wilson, Thomas Jefferson
Gibson, James Alexander	Knapp, Calvin Reason	—44.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

Michaels, Malachi Winfield—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Hubbard, William Lewis

Mott, Albert Clark—2.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Paupenhause, Henry—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	45	Withdrawn.....	2
Exalted.....	1	Susp. for non-payment of dues.....	1
Affiliated.....	1—47.	Now borne upon the roll.....	44—47.

SIGNET CHAPTER, No. 57.

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

State Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

William Downie, <i>High Priest</i> ,	August Wackerbarth, <i>Prim. Sojourner</i> ,
George Webb Aylsworth, <i>King</i> ,	John Calvin Cunningham, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Cornelius Welles Pendleton, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Charles Ira McIntire, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Walter Clements Durgin, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Frederick Leix, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Byron Scarborough, <i>Secretary</i> ,	John Francis Hughes, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Arthur Brookman, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	George Ellery Dye, <i>Chaplain</i> ,
Milton Cephas Fordham, <i>Guard</i> .	

Past High Priests:

Robert Rufus Brown,	Trowbridge Hyer Ward,	August Wackerbarth,
Rob. Gilmore Cunningham,	John Condit Haskell,	Niles Pease.
Charles Wilson Bush,	George Mortimer Holton,	Henry Sayre Orme, <i>P. G. H. P.</i> ,
Julius Herbert Martin,	John Amos Kingsley,	Lemuel Clark McKeeby.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Ainsworth, Frank Kenley	Barrett, Fred	Bradbeer, James H
Alexander, Edmund Kimball	Beck, Samuel James	Bradish, Avery Jackson
Alford, Chauncey Higby	Bell, Jas. Edgar Stevenson	Brady, John Hyde
Alles, Fred Lind	Bell, James George	Branch, John Franklin
Anderson, Horace Philip	Beryle, Robert	Bray, Arthur
Anderson, Wm. John Arch.	Bicknell, John Dustin	Breed, Levi Newton
Arnold, George Leonard	Bilicke, Albert Clay	Brousseau, Julius
Bair, Darius H	Billington, Theophilus	Brown, Albert
Baltes, Samuel Girven	Blake, Charles Wesley	Brown, John Alexander
Baldwin, Cornelius Vanoy	Boal, Robert Hughes	Brown, LeRoy Decatur
Baldwin, George Everett	Bonsall, William Henry	Bryson, Charles William
Baldwin, Osmer Wheeler	Bonyng, Walter Alfred	Bulla, Robert Nelson
Barclay, David Eric	Bower, Euzema Clarence	Bullis, Ormi
Bard, Hampden Victor	Bowen, Calvin Case	Bundrem, Howard Graham

Burns, John	Folsom, Niles Rathbone	Keller, Julius H
Burns, John Appleyard	Ford, George Oscar	Keller, Henry Workman
Burr, Charles Martin	Foshay, James A	Kelly, Richard Washington
Burr, William Orange	Francis, John Wilson	Kenny, Robert Wolfenden
Butler, Sidney Alout	Fraser, Alexander	Klobe, Charles
Campbell, Charles	Freeman, Edwin Herbert	Knickerbocker, Niles
Campbell, Edward Franklin	Furrey, William Corbett	Knotts, Harry Hope
Carter, Julius Munson	Gibson, Edward David	Koepfle, Joseph O
Carter, William Bell	Gibson, Francis Asbury	Kubach, Christian John
Cass, Alonzo Beecher	Gillespie, Samuel Smith	Kuhrts, Jacob
Cherry, Alexander	Gillis, William Templeman	Lamb, Willard
Choate, James Jefferson	Glass, Henry	Lane, Alexander F
Church, William James	Golden, John William	Lane, Fred J
Clark, Charles Hardenburg	Gray, Andrew Tennant	Langdon, Fred Sylvester
Clark, William Hovey	Graham, Robert John	Lankershim, James Boone
Clippinger, Isaac Meason	Grubb, Oscar Edwin	Lawrence, Joseph Martin
Cochran, William George	Haas, Solomon Iramcher	Lawson, Lewis B
Cole, Jerritt Walter	Habel, George Henry	Lehman, Charles Joseph
Conklin, Hiram Hedges	Hamilton, Albert Newell	Lindley, Hervey
Conrad, Simon	Hamilton, Harley Erastus	Lindley, Samuel Kingston
Cook, Benjamin	Hammel, William Augustus	Lindley, Walter
Cooper, Henry Hill	Hansell, Edward	Llewellyn, Rose
Cowan, John	Hathaway, Harry Richard	Llewellyn, William
Cox, Will James	Hartup, Edmund	Lloyd, Henry Joseph
Crank, James Fillmore	Hay, James	Long, James William
Crawford, John H	Hayes, Louis Alexander	Manfield, John Patrick
Cuzner, James	Heartt, Charles Lawrence	Martin, Russell Clinton
Damm, Andrew	Heinemann, Bernard Henry	Martin, Thomas Morrow
Davis, George Henry	Hellmann, Herman Wolf	Mason, Charles Cole
Dering, Thomas Roswell	Hellman, Isais Wolf	Mason, Henry D
De Witt, Andrew Jackson	Henderson, Wm. Hutchinson	Maxson, Geo. Washington
Deyoe, Fred Theodore	Hill, Timothy Preston	McAllister, Jas. Pinkerton
Dodge, Shailor Calver	Hinman, Clifford Irving	McClure, Joseph Stewart
Donnell, John Alexander	Hoffman, John Kay	McClurkin, William John
Dougherty, Thos. Cadwalla'r	Hopkins, Fred Beech	McDonald, Edward Nathan'l
Dowling, James Nelson	Hornbeck, Charles	McKanna, Patrick Aug.
Drakenfeld, Geo. Bartholo's	House, Melancthon	McKinley, James Wilfred
Drought, Robert	House, Radcliff Frank	McManis, John Rodman
Dunsmoor, Charles Henry	Howe, Alvin Jared	McMillan, Isaac Alexander
Earl, Edwin Tobias	Hubbard, Albert Allen	Merrill, George Whitney
Eddy, Frank Cowen	Humphreys, Chas. Harkness	Merwin, Andrew Homer
Eason, Charles H	Israel, William Lewis	Meyers, Henry Lane
Elliot, Adolphus Fitz	Jacobi, Louis	Miles, David Edwin
Ennis, Charles L	Jacobson, Christian Fred'k	Miles, Nelson Appleton
Esdor, William Henry	Jeffries, William Parrish	Miller, John McCalmont
Fairchild, Charles Herbert	Jeffries, William Thomas	Montgomery, Jas. Andrew
Fairchild, John Anthony	Jewett, Stanley Punchardon	Moore, Alfred, Jr.
Ferguson, William	Johnston, John Milton	Moore, James Lamar
Field, Daniel Webster	Jordan, Franklin	Morgan, William Adams
Fiscus, Joseph	Joy, Duane Francisco	Morrison, Norman Holt
Flint, Frank Putnam	Judson, Edw. Staubt Maggie	Mulford, Strobal Patton
Flint, Motley Hewes	Keifer, John Henry	Murray, John Emmett

Murray, Nelson Henry	Scheerer, Conrad	Thorne, Lewis
Murphy, Daniel	Schoder, Joseph	Thomas, Robert Shaw
Mussey, Nathan Dickinson	Scott, Charles Otis	Tinker, William Wharton
Neuhart, Daniel, Jr.	Scriven, Robert McDonald	Trueworthy, John Wesley
Newkirk, Adamson Bentley	Seaman, Wm. Washington	Trobeck, John August
Osborne, Henry Zenas	Seip, George Edward	Troost, John Harry
Owens, Madison Townsend	Settle, John	Tucker, Milo Asem
Oxman, Thomas H	Shaffer, John	Van Doran, John Snyder
Parker, Francis Marion	Sheldon, Willard M	Van Dyke, Walter
Park, John Simpson	Shinn, William Hollis	Van Lew, Fred
Parke, Elbert Taylor	Shorb, Andrew Stephen	Van Nys, Isaac Newton
Partridge, Fred'k Warren	Shumway, Curtiss I	Variel, Rob't Henry Faunt'y
Patterson, Henry	Simons, Edward	Vawter, Edwin James
Pattison, Jas. Ham'n Wilson	Sinsabaugh, George	Vignolo, Ambrogio
Paul, John Rink	Slocum, Albert Gardiner	Walker, Thomas Eaton
Pavlovich, John Luke	Smith, Benjamin N	Ward, Olean Alexander
Pease, Sherman	Smith, Fred Martin	Watson, George Samuel
Peasley, Andrew	Smith, Henry Augustus	Webster, Stephen Merritt
Perry, John Sargent	Smith, Ira Bacon	Week, Edward
Perry, William Hayes	Smith, Nathan Franklin	Whedon, Willard Loring
Picket, Daniel	Spence, William Glenn	Wheeler, Frank M
Polaski, Lewis	Spring, Charles Gottfried	White, Chas. Edmond Jeffries
Powers, Edward Everett	Stead, Charles	White, William Hurd
Preston, Jasper Newton	Stephens, William Dennison	Whitson, Levi Henry
Reithmuller, Aloise Jean	Stewart, Granville Quincy	Willard, Charles Dwight
Reynolds, Elbert Wilson	Stewart, William	Willard, Cyrus
Rheinschild, George	Story, Norton Filmore	Wood, Fred W
Richel, Carl	Suits, Elihu Daniel	Woodbury, Francis Chute
Rockwell, Lorenzo Anson	Sutherland, David Munroe	Worden, Champion Graves
Rohrer, John Bonewitz	Swarts, Charles Freeman	Yapp, Frederick George
Roddy, William	Tallman, Isaac Taylor	Young, John William
Russell, Daniel Lindsey	Tate, Cyrus Francis Steele	Young, Robert T
Russell, Horace Marvin	Tebbets, Hiram Watson	Young, Samuel Alexander
Sallebury, John Caleb	Teed, Freeman Golding	—325.
Sargent, Edward William	Teed, Matthew	

MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS :

Burnett, Frank W	Haskell, Eugene Oraddock	Tucker, Charles Oliver—3.
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PAST MASTER:

Platt, Robert Stark—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Osmun, Silas Cook	Sheridan, John Henry	Shriver, Levi Perry—4.
Seekatz, George Phillip		

EXCLUDED :

Preston, Isaac Hubbard	Schmidt, Theodore August—2.
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DIED :

Brodbeck, Otto	Haight, Will	Maguire, John Francis
Bell, William Middlemast	Lewellyn, Lewellyn James	Millard, Spencer Gurdon
Bowles, Ralph Amasa	Lightner, Daniel Westley	Woodward, Millard Fillmore
		—9.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	302	Withdrawn.....	4
Exalted.....	21	Excluded.....	2
Affiliated.....	17-340.	Died.....	9
		Now borne upon the roll.....	325-340.

SALINAS CHAPTER, No. 59.

Salinas, Monterey County.

Stated Meetings, fourth Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Henry Edwin Stafford, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Thomas Felix Faw, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Fredrich William Schmechel, <i>King</i> ,	William Michael Vanderhurst, <i>R. A. Capt.</i> ,
James Crawford Menor, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Thomas Scott Mabel, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Mason Lorenzo Dexter, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Pearl Raymond Brown, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Arthur Johnson Abbott, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Thomas Renison, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Victor Delmor Black, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Elmer Zell Brokaw, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

William Vanderhurst, <i>P. G. H. P.</i> ,	Mason Lorenzo Dexter,	James Ashley Webster,
Samuel Franklin Gell,	Uldarico Hartnell,	Henry Edwin Stafford.
John King Alexander,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Abbott, Carlisle Stewart	Harmes, George	Nissen, Christian
Abbott, George	Harris, James	Norton, Andrea Massena
Abbott, Harvey Eldon	Hill, William Jay	Palmer, Hiram Jairus
Ackworth, John	Hiller, Andrew	Parker, Wm. Matticks Bog's
Archer, Samuel Milton	Hitchcock, Benjamin	Patterson, Alexander
Ball, Henry Seymour	Hoffman, Christian	Pinkerton, William
Bennett, Charles Newton	Hoffman, Henry	Porter, John Brewer
Bennett, John Barron	Jacks, Will	Porter, Robert Lindsey
Brown, Andrew Washing'n	Jackson, Alexander Bell	Shroeder, Frederick Wm.
Brown, Clinton Edwin	Jepsen, Jacob	Skiff, Hermou Albert
Cayer, Ovila	Josselyn, Edward Spencer	Smeltzer, M. Jacob Grove
Chamberlain, Chas. Grand'n	Joy, Charles	Snively, James Bowman
Chappel, Thomas	Joy, John Green	Steinbeck, John Ernest
Cook, Theodore Webster	Joyce, William Willis	Sutton, William
Cupples, William Henry	Kent, Henry Edmund	Taft, William Henry
Eaton, Edwin Alexander	Lambert, Thomas Grafton	Trimmer, Oliver Smith
Edwards, William Sawyer	Logwood, Samuel Hall	Tuttle, Charles Kirkham
Fancher, James Knox Polk	Logwood, William Mayfield	Uttley, George
Faw, George Eugene	Manuel, Augustin Antoine	Whitcher, Charles Rose, Jr.
Fenton, Edward	Martin, William Jefferson	Widemann, Alfred—79.
Graves, James Elbert	McGarvey, William Victor	

PAST MASTER :

Grant, Lincoln Ulyses—1.

WITHDRAWN :

Housh, William Harvey—1.

DIED :

Reynolds, John—1.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report 81. Withdrawn..... 1
Died..... 1
Now borne upon the roll..... 79—81.

COLUSA CHAPTER, No. 60.

Colusa, Colusa County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS :

John Burris De Jarnatt, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Rotheus Augustus Gray, <i>Prim. Sojourner</i> ,
Oscar Robinson, <i>King</i> ,	Geo. Edward De St. Maurice, <i>R. A. Capt.</i> ,
Jacob Henry Miller, <i>Scribe</i> ,	_____, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Edward Winslow Jones, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	John Charles Mogk, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Burr Hudson Mitchell, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Emil Jacobson, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Josiah Lauderdale Seawell, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	John William Cilley, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priest :

Joseph Bailey Cooke.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Ayer, Leonard Barnhard	Fouch, John Franklin	Noble, William Wallace
Bungarde, George	Furth, Jacob	Rummelsberg, Selig
Buster, William Harrison	Harrington, Tennent	Sites, John
Cheaney, John	Heeren, Henry Albert	Sites, William Franklin
Clark, Reuben	Hubbard, William Henry	Stanton, Joseph Byron
Cosner, Robert	Jackson, John Lowry	Thayer, Albert Austin
De St. Maurice, Claude Edw.	Jones, James Thaddeus	Wilson, Cyrus Pogue—35.
Elliott, Henry Baker	Liening, John Henry	

RESTORED :

Buster, William Harrison

Gray, Rotheus Augustus—2.

WITHDRAWN :

Swinford, Edwin—1.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report..... 32 Withdrawn..... 1
Exalted 2 Now borne upon the roll..... 35—36,
Restored 2—36.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER, No. 61.

San Diego, San Diego County.

Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

John William Mossholder, <i>High Priest,</i>	Enoch Winsby, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
William Levings Pierce, <i>King,</i>	Gilbert Conger Arnold, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
Norman Henry Conklin, <i>Scribe,</i>	Jacob Young Jackson, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Samuel Warren Hackett, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Solon Bryan, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
John Waldo Thompson, <i>Secretary,</i>	Hans Marquhardt, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Minard Jonathan Perrin, <i>Capt. of Host,</i>	Thomas Goodwin Jefferts, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

William Augustus Begole,	George Mifflin Dannals,	James Godfrey Decatur,
John Waldo Thompson,	Eli Tucker Blackmer,	Addison Morgan.
Simon Levi,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Aitkin, John R	Dill, Albert Freeman	Mumford, John Valentine
Allison, Juan Manuel	Douglas, Charles H	Murphy, Walter Herbert
Anderson, Charles	Flick, Warren Jay	Nerney, Thomas Alexia
Asher, Josephus Marion	Fournier, Ferdinand	Olmstead, Stephen Horatio
Atkins, William B	Goldbaum, Simon	Powers, Robert Morris
Banks, Frank Suttiff	Grow, Galusha Benton	Reed, David Curtis
Bass, John Duncan	Harbison, John S	Remondino, Peter Charles
Bose, Charles Michael	Hardy, Charles Saunders	Rockfellow, Eugene Francis
Bowers, William Wallace	Hawkins, William Albert	Rouland, Niles Peter
Bradt, Garrett Garreon	Hearne, Joseph Carter	Schmidt, Frank
Bradt, Horace	Hill, John Spears	Schneider, Arnold
Bullis, William Shufelt	Hinton, John Brundridge	Scribner, George Osborne
Burgess, Edward Ezekiel	Hitchcock, David	Seifort, John Richard
Bushyhead, Edw. Wilkerson	Hylund, Charles John	Shaw, Thomas Montague
Cameron, Thomas Ross	Johnstone, James Simpson	Simpson, John Henfrey
Campbell, Chas. Alexander	Kimball, Augustus Brooks	Steade, James Milton
Capps, Edwin Morris	Kimball, Frank Augustus	Stewart, William Wallace
Carl, Irving L	Long, Charles Douglas	Taylor, Henry Scott
Cave, Daniel	Louis, Emanuel J	Thomas, Richard A
Clark, John Milton	Luce, Moses Augustine	Thoustrup, Julius Arendt E
Clemmens, Andrew	Lyke, Charles William	Thurman, John
Conroy, John	Marks, Joseph	Villa, Frank Jerome
Craigue, Solon William	Matthiessen, Albert Henry	Weineke, Henry William
Crosthwaite, Philip	McLure, Louis Steenrod	—89.

RESTORED:

Scribner, George Osborne—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Matfield, George Henry—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Babcock, Milton Stout	McDougall, Wm. Bradford	Patterson, Charles Fremont
		—3.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	84	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted.....	6	Susp. for non-payment of dues.....	3
Affiliated.....	2	Now borne upon the roll.....	89—93
Restored.....	1—93.		

SAN LUIS CHAPTER, No. 62.**San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo County.*****Stated Meetings, first Friday in each month.*****OFFICERS:**

George Breck Stanford, <i>High Priest,</i>	Kaufman Green, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
John Whioher, <i>King,</i>	Jesse Ellsha Lewis, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Joseph Lind, <i>Scribe,</i>	Simon Hempel Hanson, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Henry Lobliner, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Charles Orick Johnson, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Alphonse Washington Steinhart, <i>Sec'y,</i>	Edward Vollmer, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Ralph Parker Sutliff, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Andrew Williamson, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Levi Rackliffe,	William Harrison Spencer,	Philip Francis Beady,
Frederick Adams,	Kaufman Green,	Fred Adolphus Dorn.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Ballou, Stephen Davis	Hollister, John Hubbard	Pollard, Samuel Adams
Barger, Daniel Edwin	Ide, Bela Clinton	Pozzo, Frank
Beck, Hiram Jefferson	Jack, Robert Edgar	Prefumo, Pietro Benedetto
Blackburn, Daniel Drew	Johnston, Hosea Holcomb	Reed, Charles Henry
Booth, Alfred Roger	Kaetzal, Philip	Righetti, Robertino
Brooks, Benjamin	Lasar, Isaac	Robbins, Fred Olmstead
Bonnetti, Julien Clementini	Lasar, Marcus	Russell, Charles Jay
Call, Samuel Johnson	Latimer, Benjamin Griffith	Sandercook, William
Carter, Wirt Ludore	Lucas, William Thomas	Saunders, Zede Wolgamott
Cass, James	Maxwell, Charles	Seaton, Joseph Henry
Crocker, Adolph	McCoy, George Watson	Sinsheimer, Louis Felix
Dallidet, Pierre Hyp'rite, Jr.	Michael, Geo. Washington	Smith, Edwin
Farnum, Charles Alson	Muir, Jeremiah	Smith, William John
Filliponi, Denis	Muscio, Abramo	Speyer, David
Garrison, Daniel Marcus	Muscio, Guiseppi	Storey, George
Greenberg, Meyer	Netter, Nathan	Tognazzini, Antonio
Goldtree, Morris	Nichols, George Burritt	Tognazzini, Peter
Hardie, Angus McPherson	Noah, Louis Meyer	Tomasini, Louis
Harkinson, Robert	Noah, Meyer	Victoria, Henry
Harloe, Marcus	Pezzoni, Batista	Watson, James William
Hasbrouk, Abram Bruyn	Phillips, Chauncey Hatch	West, John Franklin
Hays, William Williams	Poland, Henson	Williams, Thomas Jeffreys
Hoff, Marcus Jacob		—84.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

Glass, James Hargis—1.

PAST MASTER:

French, Wellington Horace—1.

RESTORED:

Maxwell, Charles—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Douglas, Gerard Noel

Wilson, Stephen Britton—2.

DIED :

Evans, William—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	81	Withdrawn.....	2
Exalted.....	3	Died.....	1
Affiliated.....	2	Now borne upon the roll.....	84—87.
Restored.....	1—87.		

ST. HELENA CHAPTER, No. 63.

St. Helena, Napa County.

Stated Meetings, Thursday on or before Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

Wm. Whittingham Lyman, <i>High Priest,</i>	George Wilhelm Schmidt, <i>Pr. Sojourner,</i>
John Henry Steves, <i>King,</i>	Charles Frederick Rice, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
James Mitchell, <i>Scribe,</i>	William Alexander Bingham, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Charles Hayden Greenfield, <i>Treasurer,</i>	William Wirt Bradbury, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Charles Ross Vann, <i>Secretary,</i>	Charles Nathan Pickett, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Benj. Franklin Kettlewell, <i>Capt. of Host,</i>	William Lucas Phillips, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priest:

William Whittingham Lyman.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Adamson, Christian Pugh	Inman, Marcus Fayette	Ritchie, Mathew G
Boland, Michael Sixon	Johns, Josiah	Rocca, Andrew
Burgess, Charles Metzgar	Lander, George	Shakespear, David
Delafield, Robert Hare	Mencham, Henry Martin	Trainor, Louis Howard
Foss, Raymond	McIntire, James Jackson	Williams, Alton Levant
Galewsky, David	Pellet, Frank	York, Eli McBride—30.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.... 30. Now borne upon the roll30.

ACACIA CHAPTER, No. 64.

Adin, Modoc County.

Stated Meetings, second Saturday after Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

Joseph Fernand Lapoint, <i>High Priest,</i>	Charles John McCoy, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
George Freelon Hueston Rice, <i>King,</i>	Warren Dale Packwood, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
Morris Blaske, <i>Scribe,</i>	Francis Marion Kesselring, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
John Sebastian Fruits, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Thomas Alex. Roseberry, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
George Horace Knight, <i>Secretary,</i>	Gonzague Louis Lapoint, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Joseph Richardson, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Elsley Wiman Groves, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests :

George Horace Knight, Charles John McCoy, Joseph Fernand Lapoint.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Curran, Henry David	Massingill, William Alwin	Rice, Charles William
Hopkins, Leonidas Hamlin	Parrish, Frank Pierce	Stanley, Ransom Heenan
Hill, Charles Edmund	Parrish, Joseph Franklin	—20.

PAST MASTERS :

Grubbs, Ellsha Parker Saling, Richmond—2.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Groves, Jerome Charles Reavis, James Jones—2.

DIED :

Blaske, Albert—1.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report	23.	Susp. for non-payment of dues.....	2
		Died.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	20—23.

ANTIOCH CHAPTER, No. 65.

Antioch, Contra Costa County.

Stated Meetings, Saturday preceding the Full Moon.

OFFICERS :

George Holladay, <i>High Priest,</i>	Chas. Mortimer Belshaw, <i>Pr. Sojourner,</i>
Charles Franklin Montgomery, <i>King,</i>	Henry Fuller Beede, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
John Thomas Cox, <i>Scribe,</i>	George Creighton Wright, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Joshua Plummer Abbott, <i>Treasurer,</i>	James Carter, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Josiah Rio Baker, <i>Secretary,</i>	Rasmus Emil Hansen, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Worth Scott George, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	George Alexander Minaker, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests :

James Carter, Charles Mortimer Belshaw, George Holladay.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Cole, James Cairus	Simmons, Harry	Veale, Richard Raines
Dobyns, William Henry	Smith, Nathaniel Woodhull	Walton, Mark Anthony
Miller, George	Storey, Walter	Webber, David
Metcalf, Solon Thayer	Trythall, John Henry	Wightman, Joel David—25.
Norman, John		

RESTORED:

Dobyns, William Henry Wightman, Joel David Wright, George Creighton—3 .

WITHDRAWN:		SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:	
Foster, Granville Franklin—1.		Graves, Hiram Augustus—1.	
DIED:			
George, Frank		Grant, Peter Buell—2.	
RECAPITULATION:			
On roll per last report.....	26	Withdrawn.....	1
Restored.....	3—29,	Susp. for non-payment of dues.	1
		Died.....	2
		Now borne upon the roll	25—29.

DORIC CHAPTER, No. 66.

San Leandro, Alameda County.

*Stated Meetings, second Saturday after Full Moon in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Andrew Gove Roberts, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Amzi Briar Cary, <i>Principal Sejourner</i> ,
William Berry McKenzie, <i>King</i> ,	Mark Blotsen Bullen, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Fritz Stenzel, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Nells Hendricksen, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
August Bjorkman, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Ernest Mulford Keyes, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Benjamin Cowell Hawes, <i>Secretary</i> ,	John Fred'k Ernst Hopper, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Herman Francis Schluster, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	Albrecht Lavits Hansen, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

George Edwin Kennedy,	John Glover Reid,	Andrew Gove Roberts.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Anspacher, Simon	Crooks, John Edward	Meek, Harry Wort
Aylward, John	Fassett, Francis Bonello	Meek, William Ellsworth
Bailey, Hiram	Gerst, Garrison	Mitchell, John Lawrence
Bardellini, Joseph	Hayes, John Carey	Pitcher, Henry Hinsdale
Beck, Madison Hartwell	Holmes, Nathaniel Breed	Seller, Samuel
Bowles, Jesse	Huxley, Thomas Charles	Shlman, John Ludwig
Bridger, Lyman	Johnson, George	Stone, Egbert Barker
Brier, William Wallace	Landers, William John	Taylor, William Stewart
Brunner, Harry Ernest	Marlin, Brady Washington	Vivian, Godfrey
Clark, Alson Sherman	Marlin, Henry Bowers	Wells, Charles Samuel
Orellia, Ernest Willard	McKown, Joseph Oscar	Wright, William Henry—48.
Crooks, John Crisholm		

MARK MASTER:

Fulton, William—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Bilger, Frank William	Stone, Andrew L—2.
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RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....48	Withdrawn.....	2
Exalted.....	2—50.	Now borne upon the roll.....48—50.

RIVERSIDE CHAPTER, No. 67.

Riverside, Riverside County.

Stated Meetings, second Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

George Dimock Cunningham, *High Priest*, Howard Thomas Hays, *Pria. Sojourner*,
 Charles Wesley Filkins, *King*, Byron M Longfellow, *Royal Arch Capt.*,
 John T Jarvis, *Scribe*, Edward McIntosh Stanton, *Master 3d Vall*,
 Gaylor Bouse, *Treasurer*, Charles Richard Gray, *Master 2d Vall*,
 Menno S Bowman, *Secretary*, Edward B Stewart, *Master 1st Vall*,
 Kingsbury Sanborn, *Captain of the Host*, George Mortimer Skinner, *Guard*.

Past High Priests:

Menno S Bowman, Wilson Byron Russell, George Dimock Cunningham.
 John Saxon Castleman, Samuel Bond Hinckley,

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Alquire, Myron	Fountain, Jabez Husted	McLeod, John William
Aldayman, Edwin B	Garcelon, George William	Mitchell, David G
Allen, Benjamin Franklin	Gunsolus, Philip Andrew	Newman, Gustavus Olivia
Anderson, William A	Gregory, Lyman	Newman, Louis Hens
Atrill, Edward Chaney	Hall, Priestly	North, John Greenleaf
Baker, Judah Sears	Hamilton, John Alex. Wm.	Noyes, Joseph Sibley
Barber, Rio Delos	Handy, Benjamin Bumpas	Papineau, Otley
Boggs, Augustas Washing'n	Henshaw, Latin B	Reynolds, George N
Bonham, John	Holbrook, George Robert	Richardson, Frank Watson
Burrill, Oliver	Hornbeck, Eugene	Sayward, James Wheaton
Cleveland, George A	Howard, George Edward	Shugart, Kelita Davis
Cox, John Henry Dutcher	Jackson, Lewis Edward	Smith, Howard Barton
Oulpepper, Sampson Wm.	Jarvis, Joseph	Stanton, Edward B
Cundiff, Robert Preston	Jenkins, Robert Theodore	Sulcer, Abraham Andrew
Davis, Edward James	Keith, Walter Elmer	Tresaler, Sydney Penney
Deere, George Henry	Klinsfelter, Peter K	Way, Ellsworth Henry
Drinkwater, Thomas Paine	Lawrence, Morton L	Widoman, Oliver Perry
Dunbar, Frederick Martin	Martin, Achilles	Winters, Robert Pengelly

—69.

WITHDRAWN:

Rice, Charles Thomas

Dyer, Otis Theron—2.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Allatt, Horace Edmund Huff, Melvin B Thrall, Jerry Beecher—4.
 Dubois, Louis O

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	71	Withdrawn.....	2
Exalted.....	3	Susp. for non-payment of dues	4
Affiliated.....	1—75.	Now borne upon the roll.....	69—75.

HOLLISTER CHAPTER, No. 68.**Hollister, San Benito County.***Stated Meetings, second Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

William Peter Steinbeck, <i>High Priest</i> ,	James Henry Tebbetts, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Judson Gerould Hamilton, <i>King</i> ,	George Francis Mitchell, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Eugene Ellsworth Bolton, <i>Scribe</i> ,	William Francis Dalzell, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Marcus Rosenberg, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William Voss Hollingberry, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Erwin Sanford Logan, <i>Secretary</i> ,	John Thomas Lowe, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Nash Corwith Briggs, Jr., <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	Arthur Himelius Goy, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Thomas Flint, Jr.,	Nash Corwith Briggs,	Daniel Fred'k H. McPhail.
Thomas Flint, Sr., <i>D. G. H. P.</i> ,	Jas. Henry Tebbetts,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Asher, William Clayton	Hardin, Amos Marshal	Nash, Pontalba Lavique
Cargill, Charles Guy	Hecker, Henry	Norton, Roscoe Green
Coleman, Harry	Kimball, James F	Rea, George Elmer
Cunning, Francis Asbury	Ladd, Leonard Murch	Sargent, James Alexander
Freels, Samuel Clark	Montgomery, Edward B	Shackelford, Rich'd Mathew
French, Theodore Hugh	Moore, Samuel Thomas	Shaw, George Eden
Frenzel, Erdman August	Nash, Francis Orlando	Wappler, George—37.

WITHDRAWN:

Wilcox, Edward North—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....38.	Withdrawn	1
	Now borne upon the roll.....	37—38.

TRIGO CHAPTER, No. 69.**Fresno, Fresno County.***Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

George Hayes Monroe, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Edward Sharp Valentine, <i>P. Sojourner</i> ,
Duncan Donald Allison, <i>King</i> ,	Charles Lewis Walters, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Duncan Campbell McDougall, <i>Scribe</i> ,	James Alfred Webster, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Oscar J Woodward, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Westwood James Baker, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
George Clayton Grimes, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Angus Marion Clark, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
James Wiley Smith, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	William Brenning Depew, <i>Guard</i> .

Fast High Priests :

Angus Marion Clark,
George Clayton Grimes,

James Alfred Webster,
George Hayes Monroe,

Wiley James Tinnin.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Badger, Charles Taintor
Bradford, Ward
Borden, Hartwell Cook
Butler, Alban Bernhard
Collins, Alfred Scott
Collins, James Darwin
Cox, Elmer Henry
De Long, Charles Warren
Dexter, Fred. Bartelle
Ferguson, John William
Flint, William Reed

Goldstein, Alexander
Hedges, Henry Philip
Hoffman, Henry Fletcher
Knowles, William Edward
McDonald, Richard Henry
McMullin, John
Miller, Frederick Marvin
Norris, Charles Henry
Phillips, William Walker
Ring, William Charles
Rosenthal, Nathan

Shoobert, Chas. Waldron S.
Sill, Theodore Lee
Smith, Albert Anderson
Smith, George Washington
Smith, Samuel Nathaniel
Warner, Henry Conrad
Watkins, John Wealey
Webster, Mark
Whitson, Jacob Emery
Williamson, Charles
Young, Joseph Walter—46.

MARK MASTER:

Kirk, Thomas Jefferson—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Donahoo, Michael Jefferson
Hughes, Thomas Edwin

McDonald, Donald James
McDonald, Alex. Monroe

Williams, John Robert
White, Marcus Biggs—6.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Bachman, Nathan La Fay'e
Barling, Alfred Dare
Childs, Benj. Wainwright
Dwyer, John
Dusey, Frank
Davis, William Ellsworth
Earey, Justin

Gilbert, John Langdon
Hughes, William Marshall
Karsberg, Hans M Hagen
Nelson, Thomas Pleasant
Parsons, George Groton
Ross, Samuel Hawes

Stroud, John Allen
Sumner, John M
Taylor, James
Wagner, John Daniel
Williams, Alonzo Coleridge
White, John James—19.

DIED :

Yager, Cornelius—1.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report	71	Withdrawn.....	6
Affiliated.....	1—72.	Susp. for non-payment of dues.....	19
		Died.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	46—72.

ALAMEDA CHAPTER, No. 70.

Alameda, Alameda County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Saturdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Benj. Salisbury McFarland, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Reed Jones, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Peter Klein, <i>King</i> ,	Judson Lincoln East, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Phineas Wesley Barton, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Gedney George Mitchell, <i>Master 3d Val</i> ,
Henry Sevensing, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Charles John Hammond, <i>Master 2d Val</i> ,
Oswald Lubbock, <i>Secretary</i> ,	John Andrew Sansom, <i>Master 1st Val</i> ,
Charles Herbert Weber, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Henry Peters Decker, <i>Guard</i> .

RETURNS OF THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

Past High Priests:

John Henry Eickhoff, Fred. Wm. Gustave Moebus, Elmer Ellsworth Johnson,
Wm. Augustus L. Knowles, John Yablonsky, William Bainbridge Storey.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Ames, George Spencer	Hogeboom, Law'ce Vosberg	Smith, John Alexander
Boehmer, Fritz	Hunter, James	Spreckels, Richard
Brown, Cyrus Austin	Jones, William Price	Stephenson, Stanley
Chappell, John Henry	Konigshofer, Julius Jonas	Stoddard, Asa Church
Cousins, Frederick William	Lancaster, Americus Vesp's	Strong, Milton Grosvenor
Daniel, James	Martin, David Wilkins	Sturtevant, George
Dennis, John	McGoun, Robert	Sullivan, Dennis Joseph
Dorwin, George Wadsworth	Payne, George Henry	Taylor, Edward Kimberlin
Ellaworth, John	Perkins, Alfred Thomas	Volberg, Charles Christian
Fletter, Freeborn Jacob	Perkins, Franklin Lummis	Wall, Joseph George
Forderer, Joseph Frank	Petersen, Carl Christ'n Aug.	Williams, Edward Alfred
Granger, Farley Benj., Jr.	Pettes, William Ethan	Woodin, Eugene
Halsey, Henry Luther	Reynolds, George Potter	Woodward, Arthur Sedley
Haskell, Walter Williams	Sheeran, James Andrew	—59.

WITHDRAWN:

Duhbs, Willis Snowden Michaels, Henry Pitchford, John Benjamin—3.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....55	Withdrawn.....	3
Exalted..... 6	Now borne upon the roll.....	59—62.
Affiliated..,	1—62.	

TULARE CHAPTER, No. 71.

Tulare, Tulare County.

Stated Meetings, second and fourth Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS:

David Seymour Woodruff, <i>High Priest,</i>	Randolph Ray, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Anson Parsons Hall, <i>King,</i>	John Albert Goble, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Basil Gaither Parker, <i>Scribe,</i>	William Pierce Ratliff, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Edward Oakford, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Jacob Wolfrom, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Samuel Richardson, <i>Secretary,</i>	William Lenor Smith, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
James Winnard Davis, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Calvin Cecil Brock, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

George Washington Zartman,	Randolph Ray,	William Pierce Ratliff.
Jacob Franklin Boller,	John Albert Goble,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Allen, William Stanford	Hardie, Philip Gosil	Russell, Calvin Lewis
Arnold, James	Kramer, Alexander Sanes	Shakelee, Joseph Wilson
Barber, Emmet	Maples, Thomson William	Slitz, John Jacob
Blythe, Samuel Allison	Madden, David Washington	Taggart, Charles Ferdinand
Deitrick, James	Madden, Wash'ton Douglass	Taggart, Thomas Erwin
Eekles, John Graham	McMillan, Robt. Thompson	Wallace, Hamilton
Faust, Geo. Andrew Willis	Mitchell, Mike	Warner, Joseph Henry
Gowanlock, James	Reid, Robert Lincoln	Wilson, John Lewis—38.

PAST MASTER:

Boone, Thomas Lee—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Main, William Henry

Oakes, Frederick Orrick—2.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....40. Withdrawn..... 2
 Now borne upon the roll38—40.

CROWN CHAPTER, No. 72.*Pasadena, Los Angeles County.**Stated Meetings, second Tuesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Charles Joseph Willet, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Adoniram Monroe Bettles, <i>Pr. Sojourner</i> ,
Oscar Otto Freeman, <i>King</i> ,	James Barr Hughes, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Patrick Brown, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Alonzo Ebenezer Bisbee, <i>Master 3d Val</i> ,
Sherman Washburn, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	James Clarke, <i>Master 2d Val</i> ,
Romayne Williams, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Lucius Johnson Huff, <i>Master 1st Val</i> ,
Calvin Hartwell, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Nells Lewis Thompson, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests :

Romayne Williams,	Arthur Henry Conger,	Eugene Cook Griffith,
Florin Leslie Jones,	Amos Myron Collins,	Edward Everett Gaylord.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Allen, Samuel Maxwell	Bull, Benjamin Franklin	De Pencier, Silas Theodore
Arnold, Delos	Bull, Nelson William	Drake, Alexander Cooper
Banbury, Jabez	Clapp, William Billings	Edwards, Simon Josiah
Biles, Frederick Eugene	Clapp, William Taylor	Elliott, Charles Henry
Bly, Alph'so Albert Willetts	Clark, Fred Longworth	Fortary, Geo. Washington
Bonham, Perry Pollock	Conger, Everett Lorentus	Frary, Leander Warren
Bonner, Lewis Henry	Dalrymple, Nat. Andrew	Fuller, Arthur Frederick
Brown, Charles Cowan	Davies, Edward William	Gardner, Charles Andrus

Gaylord, William Kendall	Martin, Thomas Jefferson	Smith, Charles Arnett
Goltman, Thomas Winches'r	May, Ernest Heath	Stell, Peter
Gray, Francis Edward	McDonald, John	Taylor, Lewis Richard
Greeley, George Augustus	McLachlan, James	Thorns, Alfred
Grinnell, Fordyce	Mills, John Stevenson	Turner, William D
Hartwell, John Lovekin	Mohr, Richard Jacob	Vail, Hervey J
Hodge, Jacob Sylvester	Morris, Homer	Vlier, John Kasper
Holmes, James Huston	Ocheltree, Gilbert Brydon	Wakeley, Alfred
Howe, Edward Tucker	Patten, George Downing	Wakeley, William Henry
Hutchins, Alfred	Pierce, Edward Timothy	Webster, Thomas Henry
Jacobs, Julius Albert	Porter, Lafayette Seward	Weed, Oscar F
Johnson, Waldo Paschal	Rhodes, Charles Hilliard	Williams, Robert Adrian
Keyes, Charles Henry	Roche, Albert Wilson	Winter, Thaddens
Klock, Aaron Robert	Rose, Henry Howard	Wood, Almon
Longley, Leonell Ansoletto	Boyce, Edward Horner	Woodward, William Lewis
Mackie, James	Sandham, Frederick	Wotkyns, Walter Livingston
MacIntock, John Russell	Slater, John Richard	Wright, George Elmer
Magee, Harvey W	Slavin, Mathew	Wright, Walter Savage—96.
Markham, Henry Harrison		

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

Miller, George—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Atlee, William Augustus	Cole, Galusha M	Foshay, James A—3.
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DIED:

Gabriel, Horatio Mortimer	McGilvray, William Donald	Swift, Charles—3.
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RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.	82	Withdrawn.	3
Exalted	16	Died.	3
Affiliated	4—102.	Now borne upon the roll.	96—102.

ORANGE CHAPTER, No. 73.

Santa Ana, Orange County.

*Stated Meetings, Saturday on or before Full Moon in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Allen Jefferson Wood, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Marion Albert Menges, <i>Prim. Sojourner</i> ,
James Hedges Hall, <i>King</i> ,	Theron Henry Tracy, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
James Deane Wilder, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Zephaniah B West, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Ira D Mills, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	James William King, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
George Akerman Whidden, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Erwin Ellsworth, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Nathaniel Mills Perry Close, <i>Capt of Host</i> ,	Reuben Alex. Slavin Wade, <i>Chaplain</i> ,
John Saxton Haywood, <i>Guard</i> .	

Past High Priests:

Carlos Frederick Mansur,	James William Towner,	Charles Abiel Mead.
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ROYAL AROH MASON:

Ball, Charles Dexter	Fairbanks, Harlan	Lamson, William Branford
Boyd, James Patton	Fife, Charles Cordelia	Lane, Martin Luther
Bundy, Milton John	Garnett, William Muldro	Lutz, William Frederick
Chilton, Robert Francis	Gildermacher, Levi	Medlock, James Randolph
Collins, Isaac Lea	Greeley, John Philip	Mendelson, Marks
Cone, Thomas Edward	Harding, Foster William	Peabody, Henry Adams
Cotter, James Stapleton	Hewett, Roscoe Edwin	Small, Lucien
Culver, James Reed	Hill, Albert Curtis	Smith, James Thompson
Diers, Henry	Hill, Samuel	Snyder, Andrew
Dorman, Dudley Marvin	Hogle, George Frederick	Townsend, Benj. Franklin
Dryer, John Lewis	Jones, Erastus Clinton	Weeks, George Warren
Edwards, William Rose	Jones, Francis Asbury	Woods, William Bell—52.

MARK MASTERS:

Baker, Robert Miller

Stanton, Philip Ackley—2

RESTORED:

McIntire, Edgar O—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Davis, Phillip

Rotan, John Albert

McIntire, Edgar O—3.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Pos, William De Ronder—1.

DIED:

Fosdick, Henry Osro—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	42	Withdrawn.....	3
Exalted.....	12	Susp. for non-payment of dues....	1
Affiliated.....	2	Died.....	1
Restored..	1—57.	New borne upon the roll.....	52—57.

HANFORD CHAPTER, No. 74.**Hanford, Kings County.***Stated Meetings, Tuesday on or after Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Lewis O Dunham, <i>High Priest,</i>	Carlos Shelton Linsley, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Francis Cunningham, <i>King,</i>	Arthur Dale King, <i>Royal Aroh Captain,</i>
John O Augsburg, <i>Scribe,</i>	Joseph James Duval, <i>Master 3d Vall,</i>
Robert William Musgrave, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Louis David Nathan, <i>Master 2d Vall,</i>
Adolphus Gustavus Dollenmeyer, <i>Sec'y,</i>	George Xavier Wendling, <i>Master 1st Vall,</i>
William Henry Camp, <i>Captain of Host,</i>	Joshua Benadom, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Charles C. Van Valkenburgh,

Lucius Ely Felton.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Blakeley, Francis Algeno	Henderson, Charles Udny	Newman, Samuel Jacob
Booker, Sanford	Hobler, Charles Jones	Palmer, Norman L.
Brown, Charles Rose	Isaac, Frederick Neville	Rafailovich, Nicholas M
Burris, David	Lovelace, Thomas James	Robinson, James Shaw
Crigler, John Christopher	Melone, John Henry	Shore, Gilbert Edward
Friant, Emmet Molet	McJunkin, Joseph Talbot	Starkweather, Reuben Ed.
Goodman, Joseph	Nathan, Herman	Trewhitt, Wayne Douglas
Harbaugh, Will Richard		—36.

PAST MASTER :

Olary, Alvine Ray—1.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report	33	Now borne upon the roll.....	36.
Exalted.....	3—36.		

KERN VALLEY CHAPTER, No. 75.

Bakersfield, Kern County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS :

Alvah Russell Conklin, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William Harris Cook, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Benjamin Brundage, <i>King</i> ,	Daniel Bernard Jerrue, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Wirt Robinson Macmurdo, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Claes Alex. Schmeidte, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John M Keith, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Emil Dinkelspiel, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
John Chambers Morrison, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Albert Clement Maud, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Julius Jacob Mack, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	—— ———, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priest :

Alvah Russell Conklin.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Arnold, Clarence Edmund	Green, Francis Harrison	Rice, Frank Sabrius
Blodgett, Hugh Allen	Heinman, Simon	Valentine, Frank Eugene
Deacon, William Emmett	Medina, John Blancarte	Weil, Alphonse
Dinkelspiel, Louis M	Miller, Isaac Leffler	Wilson, William Cabanis
		—23.

WITHDRAWN :

Jewett, Philo Dennis

Nicholson, Edw'd James H—2.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....	16	Withdrawn.....	2
Exalted	9—25.	New borne upon the roll.....	23—25.

POMONA CHAPTER, No. 76.**Pomona, Los Angeles County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Joseph Relton Garthside, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Ulysses Grant Baker Pierce, <i>Pr. Sojourner</i> ,
Benjamin Franklin Nance, <i>King</i> ,	John Bradford Camp, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Frank Garcelon, <i>Scribe</i> ,	John Wasson, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Francis Asbury Molineaux, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Ethan Allen Hibbard, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Selden Irving Ford, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Robert Love Fraisher, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Edw'd Henry Hutchinson, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	William Henry Russell, <i>Chaplain</i> ,
	Radolph Heftl, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priest :

Henry James Nichols.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Alden, Stephen	Given, Bryce Morrow	Mace, Edwin
Brasher, Horace Clyde	Griswold, Thomas Francis	Manchester, Erastus Taylor
Cook, John William	Hansen, Hans Broderson	Martin, William Thomas
Crickmore, Joseph Clinton	Hayes, Calvin Wesley	Metcalf, James Arthur
Dawson, Robert Wesley	Heath, George	Packard, John Elwood
Dole, John Henry	Howeth, Virgil Andrew	Robertson, John George
Dole, William Burr	Huber, Orlando Henry	Sanders, William Horatio
Downing, Eben Lincoln	Kellogg, Charles Giles	Soper, William Wallace
Drifill, James Alexander	Little, Frank Flavious	Stower, Alex. Campbell

—41.

PAST MASTERS :

Duddera, Franklin Edgar

Welch, Everett Haskell—2.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....32	Now borne upon the roll .....41.
Exalted..... 6	
Affiliated..... 3 —41.	

REDLANDS CHAPTER, No. 77.**Redlands, San Bernardino County.***Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Charles H Hobart, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Harvey Horne, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Wilber Newton Chamblin, <i>King</i> ,	Albert Edwin Taylor, <i>Royal A. Captain</i> ,
James Albert Stone, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Frank Clarke Prescott, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Albert Wilson Hatch, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William Clarke Simpson, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Charles Frederick Bailey, <i>Secretary</i> ,	William Ormer Cook, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
James Frederick Drake, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	Thomas Benton Reeder, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Frank Pierce Meserve,

William Craig.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Burton, James Lee	Fish, Charles Edmond	Patten, Herbert
Brown, Charles Milton	Garland, Richard Harrison	Sanborn, Christopher Allen
Beard, Seymour Rogers	Gore, John Wesley	Setchfield, Richard
Boley, Eldridge Montford	Hendrickson, And. Jackson	Stearns, Augustus George
Clock, Charles Livingston	Hoogstrost, Fred Charles	Sweasy, Geo. Washington
Cottrell, Joseph P	Kennard, Thomas John	Tuttle, Edmund Andrews
Deck, Lewis	Mitchell, Vinton Littleton	Williams, Silas
Dias, John Wallace Fox	Morrison, Frank Pierce	Wise, David D
Eaton, Clement Hand	Phinney, Mellen Mosher	Wyman, Francis George
Elliott, John	Poundstone, Jacob	—43.

WITHDRAWN:

Landreth, Leandre Franklin—1.

DIED:

Alder, William Henry Scott —1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....36	Withdrawn.....1
Exalted.....7	Died.....1
Affiliated.....2—45.	New borne upon the roll43—45.

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28	Stockton,.....	May 10, 1861.	1	1	1	1	1	1	87
29	North San Juan,	Nevada, ..	3	3	3	6	3	2	47
30	Napa City,.....	May 9, 1862.	3	3	3	2	5	3	35
31	Marines,.....	May 9, 1862.	1	1	1	1	2	4	25
32	Contra Costa, ..	May 8, 1863.	1	1	1	1	1	1	49
33	Quincy,.....	May 8, 1863.	6	6	6	6	3	5	36
34	Los Angeles,....	Oct. 7, 1864.	6	6	6	6	3	5	75
35	Vallejo,.....	Oct. 20, 1868.	7	7	7	7	1	3	66
36	Alameda,.....	April 6, 1870.	5	6	6	9	2	4	49
37	Fresno,.....	April 6, 1870.	6	3	3	6	1	1	219
38	Santa Cruz,.....	April 11, 1871.	6	6	7	7	2	2	36
39	Truckee,.....	April 11, 1871.	6	6	7	7	2	2	48
40	Red Bluff,.....	April 11, 1871.	6	6	7	7	2	2	47
41	Watsonville,....	April 11, 1871.	6	6	7	7	2	2	33
42	San Jose,.....	April 11, 1871.	6	6	7	7	2	2	58
43	San Jose,.....	April 11, 1871.	6	6	7	7	2	2	41
44	San Jose,.....	April 11, 1871.	6	6	7	7	2	2	30
45	San Jose,.....	April 11, 1871.	6	6	7	7	2	2	75
46	San Jose,.....	April 11, 1871.	6	6	7	7	2	2	69
47	San Jose,.....	April 11, 1871.	6	6	7	7	2	2	61
48	San Jose,.....	April 11, 1871.	6	6	7	7	2	2	45
49	San Jose,.....	April 11, 1871.	6	6	7	7	2	2	75
50	San Jose,.....	April 11, 1871.	6	6	7	7	2	2	61
51	San Jose,.....	April 11, 1871.	6	6	7	7	2	2	45
52	San Jose,.....	April 11, 1871.	6	6	7	7	2	2	75
53	San Jose,.....	April 11, 1871.	6	6	7	7	2	2	61
54	San Jose,.....	April 11, 1871.	6	6	7	7	2	2	45
55	San Jose,.....	April 11, 1871.	6	6	7	7	2	2	75
56	San Jose,.....	April 11, 1871.	6	6	7	7	2	2	61
57	San Jose,.....	April 11, 1871.	6	6	7	7	2	2	45
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59	San Jose,.....	April 11, 1871.	6	6	7	7	2	2	61
60	San Jose,.....	April 11, 1871.	6	6	7	7	2	2	45
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62	San Jose,.....	April 11, 1871.	6	6	7	7	2	2	61
63	San Jose,.....	April 11, 1871.	6	6	7	7	2	2	45
64	San Jose,.....	April 11, 1871.	6	6	7	7	2	2	75
65	San Jose,.....	April 11, 1871.	6	6	7	7	2	2	61

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NAMES OF CHAPTERS.	PLACE OF LOCATION.		DATE WHEN CHARTER WAS ORDERED.	Marked.	Passed.	Received.	Exalted.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Withdrawn.	Excluded.	Sus. for non- pay of dues.	Sus. Un-Con.	Expelled.	Died.	M. Master.	Past Masters.	R. A. Masters.	Dues to Gr.
	TOWN.	COUNTY.																	
56 DORIC.....	San Leandro.....	Alameda.....	April 29, 1885.	3	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	4				1		48	36 00
57 RIVERSIDE.....	Riverside.....	Riverside.....	April 28, 1886.	3	3	3	3	1	1	1								69	51 75
58 HOLISTER.....	Holister.....	San Benito.....	" " " "															37	37 75
59 TRIGO.....	Fresno.....	Fresno.....	April 27, 1887.	1				1	6	19						1		46	34 50
60 ALAMEDA.....	Alameda.....	Alameda.....	" " " "	6	6	6	6	1	3	3								68	44 25
61 TULARE.....	Tulare.....	Tulare.....	April 17, 1889.	1	1	1	1	1	2	2						1		38	28 50
62 CROWN.....	Pasadena.....	Los Angeles.....	" " " "	14	14	16	16	4	3	3					3	1		96	72 00
63 ORANGE.....	Santa Ana.....	Orange.....	April 22, 1891.	10	8	9	12	2	1	3	1	1			1	2		62	39 00
64 HANFORD.....	Hanford.....	Kings.....	April 19, 1893.	1	2	3	3	3		2						1		36	27 00
65 KERN VALLEY.....	Bakersfield.....	Kern.....	" " " "	4	8	9	9											23	17 25
66 POMONA.....	Pomona.....	Los Angeles.....	April 18, 1894.	6	6	4	6	3										41	30 75
67 REDLANDS.....	Redlands.....	San Bernardino.....	April 17, 1895.	4	4	4	7	2	1	1					1			43	32 25
				278	283	286	306	63	22	78	20	126			111	18	18	5178	3834 25

* Charter surrendered.

† Charter revoked.

‡ Consolidated with Sonoma, No. 2.

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ARKANSAS,	JAMES A. HENRY,	Little Rock.
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COLORADO,	ED. C. PARMELEE,	Denver.
CONNECTICUT,	JAMES MCCORMICK,	150 State St., Hartford
DELAWARE,	JAMES H. PRICE,	Wilmington.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,	LEWIS G. STEPHENS,	Washington.
ENGLAND,	SHADWELL H. CLERKE,	London.
FLORIDA,	WILLIAM A. McLEAN,	Jacksonville.
GEORGIA,	A. M. WOLIHIN,	Macon.
ILLINOIS,	GILBERT W. BARNARD,	Chicago.
INDIANA,	WM. H. SMYTHE,	Indianapolis.
INDIAN TERRITORY,	JOSEPH SAMUEL MURROW,	Atoka.
IOWA,	ALF. WINGATE,	Des Moines.
KANSAS,	JACOB DE WITT,	Salina.
KENTUCKY,	HENRY B. GRANT,	Louisville.
LOUISIANA,	RICHARD LAMBERT,	New Orleans.
MAINE,	STEPHEN BERRY,	Portland.
MARYLAND,	GEORGE L. McCAHAN,	Baltimore.
MASSACHUSETTS,	SERANUS BOWEN,	288 School St., Boston.
MICHIGAN,	JEFFERSON S. CONOVER,	Coldwater.
MINNESOTA,	THOMAS MONTGOMERY,	St. Paul.
MISSISSIPPI,	J. L. POWER,	Jackson.
MISSOURI,	WM. H. MAYO,	St. Louis.
MONTANA,	CORNELIUS HEDGES,	Helena.
NEBRASKA,	WILLIAM R. BOWEN,	Omaha.
NEVADA,	CHAUNCEY N. NOTEWARE,	Carson.
NEW BRUNSWICK,	WM. A. EWING,	St. John.
NEW HAMPSHIRE,	GEO. P. CLEAVES,	Concord.
NEW JERSEY,	GEORGE B. EDWARDS,	Jersey City.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF GRAND SECRETARIES.

Grand Chapters.	Grand Secretaries.	Residences.
NEW SOUTH WALES,.....	ALFRED J. BURRIDGE,.....	Sydney.
NEW YORK,.....	CHRISTOPHER G. FOX,.....	Buffalo.
NORTH CAROLINA,.....	HORACE H. MUNSON,.....	Wilmington.
NORTH DAKOTA,.....	FRANK J. THOMPSON,.....	Fargo.
NOVA SCOTIA,.....	ALEXANDER ROSS,.....	Halifax.
OHIO,.....	CHARLES C. KEIFER,.....	Urbana.
OREGON,.....	JAMES F. ROBINSON,.....	Eugene.
PENNSYLVANIA,	CHARLES CARY,.....	Philadelphia.
QUEBEC,.....	WILL H. WHITE,	Montreal, P. Q.
RHODE ISLAND,.....	WM. R. GREENE,.....	Providence.
SCOTLAND,.....	ROBERT S. BROWN,.....	{ 11a Hanover St., Edinburgh.
SOUTH CAROLINA,.....	ALBERT E. FUGLE.....	Charleston.
SOUTH DAKOTA,.....	GEORGE A. PETTIGREW,.....	Flandreau.
TENNESSEE,	WM. A. CLENDINING,.....	Nashville.
TEXAS,.....	GEORGE LOPAS, Jr.,.....	Houston.
VERMONT,.....	WARREN G. REYNOLDS,.....	Burlington.
VICTORIA,.....	T. H. LEMPRIERE,.....	Melbourne.
VIRGINIA,.....	JAMES B. BLANKS,.....	Petersburg.
WASHINGTON,.....	YANCEY C. BLALOCK,.....	Walla Walla.
WEST VIRGINIA,.....	ODELL S. LONG,.....	Charleston.
WISCONSIN,...	JOHN W. LAFLIN,.....	Milwaukee.
GEN. GR. CHAPTER OF U. S.,	CHRISTOPHER G. FOX,.....	Buffalo.

GRAND OFFICERS

Elected since the Organization of the Grand Chapter, July 28, A. I. 2385.

1854.

*CHARLES M. RADCLIFF, *Gr. High Priest.* *A. B. HOY,..... *Grand King.*
*JOHN D. CREIGH, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *HUGH G. PLATT, *Grand Scribe.*

1855.

*JOHN D. CREIGH, ... *Grand High Priest.* *WILLIAM W. TRAYLOR, ... *Grand King.*
*ISAAC DAVIS, ... *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *LEVERETT BRADLEY, *Grand Scribe.*

1856.

*ORANGE H. DIBBLE, *Grand High Priest.* *WHITING G. WEST, ... *Grand King.*
*W. W. TRAYLOR, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *JAMES A. JACKSON, *Grand Scribe.*

1857.

*WM. W. TRAYLOR, ... *Grand High Priest.* *WHITING G. WEST, *Grand King.*
THOS. H. CASWELL, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *JAMES A. JACKSON, *Grand Scribe.*

1858.

THOMAS H. CASWELL, *Grand High Priest.* *JAMES A. JACKSON, *Grand King.*
*WHITING G. WEST, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* *HENRY HARE HARTLEY, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1859.

*WHITING G. WEST, ... *Grand High Priest.* *AARON D. PARK, *Grand King.*
*H. H. HARTLEY, .. *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *LEWIS REYNOLDS, *Grand Scribe.*

1860.

*HENRY H. HARTLEY, *Grand High Priest.* *JAMES W. BICKNELL, *Grand King.*
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* *EZRA HOWARD VAN DECAR, *Grand Scribe.*

1861.

*HENRY H. HARTLEY, *Grand High Priest.* *EZRA HOWARD VAN DECAR, *Grand King.*
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* JOHN KIRKPATRICK, *Grand Scribe.*

1862.

*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, .. *Grand High Priest.* JOHN KIRKPATRICK, *Grand King.*
*EZRA H. VAN DECAR, .. *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* *CHARLES MARSH, *Grand Scribe.*

1863.

*EZRA H. VAN DECAR, .. *Grand High Priest.* *CHARLES MARSH, *Grand King.*
JOHN KIRKPATRICK, .. *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* WILLIAM A. DAVIES, *Grand Scribe.*

1864.

*ISAAC DAVIS, *Grand High Priest.* *CHARLES MARSH, *Grand King.*
JOHN KIRKPATRICK, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* WILLIAM A. DAVIES, *Grand Scribe.*

* Deceased.

1865.

JOHN KIRKPATRICK, ... *Grand High Priest.* WILLIAM A. DAVIES, ... *Grand King.*
 *CHAS. MARSH, ... *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *ISAAC S. TITUS, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1866.

*CHARLES MARSH, ... *Grand High Priest.* *ISAAC S. TITUS, ... *Grand King.*
 WM. A. DAVIES, ... *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *JOHN W. HARVILLE, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1867.

*ISAAC S. TITUS, ... *Grand High Priest.* *JOHN W. HARVILLE, ... *Grand King.*
 *JAS. A. JACKSON, ... *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* *GEORGE T. GRIMES, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1868.

*JOHN W. HARVILLE, *Grand High Priest.* *JAS. LAWRENCE ENGLISH, ... *Grand King.*
 *GEORGE T. GRIMES, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* JACOB H. NEFF, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1870.

*GEORGE T. GRIMES, ... *Grand High Priest.* JACOB H. NEFF, ... *Grand King.*
 *JAS. LAWR. ENGLISH, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* STEPHEN WING, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1871.

*JAS. L. ENGLISH, ... *Grand High Priest.* STEPHEN WING, ... *Grand King.*
 JACOB H. NEFF, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* *JOSEPH ISAACS, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1872.

JACOB H. NEFF, ... *Grand High Priest.* WM. THOMAS REYNOLDS, ... *Grand King.*
 *JOSEPH ISAACS, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* WM. ALEXANDER JANUARY, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1873.

WM. A. DAVIES, ... *Grand High Priest.* WM. THOMAS REYNOLDS, ... *Grand King.*
 *JOSEPH ISAACS, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* WM. ALEXANDER JANUARY, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1874.

WM. ALEX. JANUARY, *Grand High Priest.* *JOHN MILLS BROWNE, ... *Grand King.*
 WM. T. REYNOLDS, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* HENRY HAY KNAPP, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1875.

WM. T. REYNOLDS, ... *Grand High Priest.* HENRY HAY KNAPP, ... *Grand King.*
 *ALEX. G. ABELL, ... *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* NATHAN W. SPAULDING, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1876.

*ALEX. G. ABELL, ... *Grand High Priest.* *JOHN MILLS BROWNE, ... *Grand King.*
 HENRY HAY KNAPP, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* NATHAN W. SPAULDING, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1877.

HENRY HAY KNAPP, *Grand High Priest.* NATHAN W. SPAULDING, ... *Grand King.*
 *JOHN MILLS BROWNE, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* WILEY JAMES TINNIN, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1878.

*JOHN MILLS BROWNE, *Grand High Priest.* WILEY JAMES TINNIN, ... *Grand King.*
 NATHAN W. SPAULDING, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* HENRY SAYRE ORME, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1879.

NATHAN W. SPAULDING, *Gr. High Priest.* HENRY SAYRE ORME, ... *Grand King.*
 WILEY JAMES TINNIN, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ... *Grand Scribe.*

*Deceased.

1880.

WILEY JAMES TINNIN, *Gr. High Priest.* WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ... *Grand King.*
HENRY SAYRE ORME, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* *LEONIDAS E PRATT, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1881.

HENRY SAYRE ORME, ... *Grand High Priest.* *LEONIDAS E PRATT, ... *Grand King.*
WM. MONROE PETRIE, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* *JONATHAN DOAN HINES, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1882.

WM. MONROE PETRIE, ... *Grand High Priest.* *JONATHAN DOAN HINES, ... *Grand King.*
*LEONIDAS E PRATT, ... *D. Grand High Priest.* EDWARD COLEMAN, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1883.

*LEONIDAS E PRATT, ... *Grand High Priest.* EDWARD COLEMAN, ... *Grand King.*
*JONATHAN DOAN HINES, ... *D. Gr. H. Priest.* BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE, ... *Gr. Scribe.*

1884.

*JONATHAN DOAN HINES, ... *Grand H. Priest.* BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE, ... *Gr. King.*
EDWARD COLEMAN, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* *MICHAEL JAMES KEATING, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1885.

EDWARD COLEMAN, ... *Grand High Priest.* *MICHAEL JAMES KEATING, ... *Grand King.*
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE, ... *D. G. H. P.* WILLIAM THOMPSON LUTHER, ... *Gr. Scribe.*

1886.

BENJAMIN F. TUTTLE, ... *Grand High Priest.* WM. THOMPSON LUTHER, ... *Grand King.*
*MICHAEL JAS. KEATING, ... *D. G. H. Priest.* WILLIAM VANDERHURST, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1887.

*MICHAEL JAMES KEATING, ... *G. High Priest.* WILLIAM VANDERHURST, ... *Grand King.*
WM. THOMPSON LUTHER, ... *D. Gr. H. Priest.* *CARNOT COURTLAND MASON, ... *Gr. Scribe.*

1888.

WILLIAM THOMPSON LUTHER, ... *G. H. Priest.* *CARNOT COURTLAND MASON, ... *Grand King.*
WILLIAM VANDERHURST, ... *D. Gr. H. Priest.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1889.

WILLIAM VANDERHURST, ... *G. High Priest.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Grand King.*
*CARNOT COURTLAND MASON, ... *D. G. H. P.* MILTON HILLS MYRICK, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1890.

FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Gr. High Priest.* WILLIAM BUCKLEY DAVIS, ... *Grand King.*
MILTON HILLS MYRICK, ... *Dep. Gr. H. P.* *CHARLES RAY GRITMAN, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1891.

MILTON HILLS MYRICK, ... *Gr. High Priest.* *CHARLES RAY GRITMAN, ... *Grand King.*
WM. BUCKLEY DAVIS, ... *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* *ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD, ... *Gr. Scribe.*

1892.

WILLIAM BUCKLEY DAVIS, ... *Gr. High Priest.* *ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD, ... *Gr. King.*
*CHARLES RAY GRITMAN, ... *D. G. H. Priest.* ADOLPHUS HEWEL, ... *Grand Scribe.*

*Deceased.

LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS.

1893.

*CHARLES RAY GREYMAN, *Gr. High Priest.* ADOLPHUS HEWEL,.....*Grand King.**ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD, *D.G.H.P.* THOMAS FLINT, SR.,.....*Grand Scribe.*

1894.

*ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD, *P.G.H.Pr.* THOMAS FLINT, SR.,.....*Grand King.*ADOLPHUS HEWEL, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,...*Grand Scribe.*

1895.

ADOLPHUS HEWEL,...*Grand High Priest.* WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,...*Grand King.*THOMAS FLINT, SR., *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* ELI TUCKER BLACKMER,...*Grand Scribe.*

1896.

THOMAS FLINT, SR., *Grand High Priest.* ELI TUCKER BLACKMER,...*Grand King.*WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, *D. G. H. Priest.* FLOREN LESLIE JONES,...*Grand Scribe.*-----
*Deceased.

GRAND CONVENTION

OF THE

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTS

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Thirty-seventh Annual Grand Convention.

The thirty-seventh Annual Grand Convention of the Order of High Priests of the State of California assembled at the Masonic Temple, on Tuesday, the twenty-first day of April, 1896, at eight o'clock P. M.

There were present the following

OFFICERS:

The M. E. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....	<i>President;</i>
" R. E. JACOB HART NEFF,.....	<i>Vice-President;</i>
" R. E. THOMAS KYLE,.....	<i>Chaplain;</i>
" R. E. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE,.....	<i>Treasurer;</i>
" R. E. THEO. E. SMITH,.....	<i>Recorder;</i>
" R. E. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....	<i>Conductor;</i>
" R. E. ELI TUCKER BLACKMER,.....	<i>Herald.</i>

Also Companions ROBERT ASH, JOHN GOULD BISBEE, THOMAS FLINT, Sr., ADOLPHUS HEWEL, FLOREN LESLIE JONES, CHARLES FAYETTE LOTT, WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, WILEY JAMES TINNIN, WILLIAM VANDERHURST, AUGUST WACKERBARTH and SAMUEL HOPKINS WAGENER.

The M. E. President made the following appointment *pro tempore*:—

Companion JOHN GOULD BISBEE,..... *Steward.*

And the Grand Convention was opened in *But form.*

The reading of the minutes of proceedings of the last Annual Grand Convention was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

Applications, accompanied by the proper certificates, were received from the following named Companions :—

LOUIS CYRUS SCHINDLER,	High Priest of <i>Sacramento</i> Chapter, No. 3				
JAMES ROBERT TAPSCOTT,	" " "	<i>Cyrus</i>	"	"	15
GEORGE JAMES GRAHAM,	Past " " "	<i>Franklin</i>	"	"	20
WILLIAM SIMPSON HICKMAN,	" " "	<i>Georgetown</i>	"	"	25
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,	" " "	<i>Oakland</i>	"	"	36
JAMES BREDE KNAPP,	" " "	<i>Sloam</i>	"	"	37
EDWARD McDONALD GRAHAM,	" " "	<i>Visalia</i>	"	"	44
WILLIAM DOWNIE,	" " "	<i>Signal</i>	"	"	57
WILHELM PETER STEINBECK,	" " "	<i>Hollister</i>	"	"	68
GEORGE HAYES MONROE,	" " "	<i>Trigo</i>	"	"	69
FREDERICK WM. GUSTAV MORBUS,	Past " " "	<i>Alameda</i>	"	"	70
CHARLES JOSEPH WILLETT,	" " "	<i>Oroun</i>	"	"	72
JOSEPH BELTON GARTHWAITE,	" " "	<i>Pomona</i>	"	"	76

On motion the above applications were referred to a Special Committee consisting of Companions WILEY JAMES TINNIE, WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE and CHARLES FAYETTE LOTT.

After due consideration the committee reported favorably ; whereupon the applicants were balloted for and duly elected to receive the Order of High Priesthood.

Companions LOUIS CYRUS SCHINDLER, JAMES ROBERT TAPSCOTT, GEORGE JAMES GRAHAM, WILLIAM SIMPSON HICKMAN, JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, JAMES BREDE KNAPP, EDWARD McDONALD GRAHAM, WILLIAM DOWNIE, WILHELM PETER STEINBECK, GEORGE HAYES MONROE, FREDERICK WILLIAM GUSTAV MORBUS, CHARLES JOSEPH WILLETT and JOSEPH BELTON GARTHWAITE were severally introduced, set apart and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

On motion, duly seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :—

"*Resolved*, That the revised ritual adopted by the Convention of Anointed High Priests, held at Topeka, Kansas, during the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter in August, 1894, and exemplified this evening, be and hereby is approved and adopted by this Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests of California as the work of the Order of High Priesthood to be hereafter used in this jurisdiction."

The following resolution was presented and adopted by an unanimous vote :—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due and are hereby tendered to M. E. Companion JOHN WILSON CHAMBERLIN, of Tiffin, Ohio, for his valuable and kindly interest in securing for California a copy of the revised Ritual, with all necessary information in connection with its history and adoption.

The Grand Recorder is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Companion CHAMBERLIN.

The *M. E.* President announced the death of *R. E.* Companion ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD, Steward, and appointed Companions FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ROBERT ASH and JAMES BESTOR MERRITT a committee to prepare appropriate resolutions of respect to his memory.

The next business in order being the election of officers for the ensuing year, the *M. E.* President appointed as tellers Companions WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE and SAMUEL HOPKINS WAGNER.

Ballots being taken the following named Companions were declared duly elected :—

The *M. E.* WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....*President*;
 “ *R. E.* JACOB HART NEFF, *Vice-President*;
 “ *R. E.* THOMAS KYLE,..... *Chaplain*;
 “ *R. E.* BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE,..... *Treasurer*;
 “ *R. E.* THEODORE EDWARD SMITH,..... *Recorder*;
 “ *R. E.* EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,..... *Master of Ceremonies*;
 “ *R. E.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,..... *Conductor*;
 “ *R. E.* ELI TUCKER BLACKMER,..... *Herald*;
 “ *R. E.* JOHN GOULD BISBER,..... *Steward*.

Companion B. F. TUTTLE presented the following :—

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be and hereby is appropriated to be paid to the *M. E.* Companion WM. A. DAVIES as a slight compensation for the expense and labor of obtaining the Ritual used this evening, and adopted by this Grand Convention.

Which, being seconded by Companion F. H. DAY, was adopted by an unanimous vote.

Companion FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, from the Committee on Resolutions of Respect to the Memory of our late Companion ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD, presented the following report :—

*To the M. E. Convention of the Order of
 High Priesthood of the State of California :—*

One year ago the name of *M. E.* ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD was to be found on the roll of officers of this Convention, filling the position of Steward with satisfaction. Being in the prime of life and apparently in excellent health, we were not prepared for the sudden announcement that our friend and Companion had passed the confines of earth's dominion and entered that unknown realm “whither our fathers have gone before us.” His illness was of short duration, the disease proving quick in action and decisive in result. The combination of science and the loving hands of an affectionate wife and children were unavailing to stay the ravages of the destroyer, death, and on the twenty-second day of June, 1895, his spirit “winged its flight to the unknown world.”

Companion CRAWFORD was born in Castine, Maine, on January 29, 1833. Coming to this State in 1852, he settled in Georgetown, El Dorado County, where he continued to reside up to the time of his departure from among us. He filled various

positions in civil life, and in all of them he was recognized as conscientious and just, his dealings bearing the stamp of honesty and uprightness.

His Masonic career can be briefly told. Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in *Georgetown* Lodge, No. 25, June 19, 1861, he served as its Master for seven years. At the time of his demise he was Secretary of the Lodge.

Exalted a Royal Arch Mason in *Georgetown* Chapter, No. 25, he served that Body as its High Priest for seventeen years, being regarded as a faithful worker in the Capitular fold, and when called to "come up higher," he laid aside the old-time and well-worn garment of High Priest.

In the Grand Chapter he was for many years the efficient Chairman of the Committee on By-Laws. In 1890 he was appointed Grand Captain of the Host, from which he was annually promoted, by the voice of his Companions, to the next higher office, until in 1894, he was elected to the responsible position of Grand High Priest of this jurisdiction, which he filled with credit to himself and honor to the Grand Chapter.

Companion ORAWFORD was one whom to know was to love. Possessed of a warm heart and genial nature, his contact with his fellows gave assurance of that frankness of manner, as well as of speech, so generally commended by the true man and Mason.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That as an officer of this Convention of the Order of High Priesthood we have ever found our associate and Companion, ELLISON LASSELL ORAWFORD, prompt and faithful to his trust; and while we bow in humble submission to the divine decree, in his removal from among us, and say "Thy will be done," we sincerely mourn his absence, and extend our heartfelt sympathy and condolence to those who are "bereft of their earthly stay."

Brother, Companion, and friend, peace and farewell.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANKLIN H. DAY, }
ROBERT ASH, } *Committee.*
JAMES B. MERRITT, }

Which report was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Grand Convention.

The Recorder reported the

RECEIPTS.

Fees from Candidates.....\$65 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

To M^r. E. W. A. DAVIES.....\$50 00
" Recorder..... 15 00
" Janitor..... 5 00
—————\$70 00

The newly elected officers were then regularly installed.

There being no further business, the minutes were approved, and the Grand Convention closed in *Due Form*.

THEODORE EDWARD SMITH,
Recorder.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

OF THE

GRAND CONVENTION OF HIGH PRIESTS.

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" R. E. THOMAS KYLE,	<i>Chaplain;</i>
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" R. E. ELI TUCKER BLACKMER,	<i>Herald;</i>
" R. E. JOHN GOULD BISBEE,	<i>Steward.</i>

MEMBERS:

Adams, Frederick	Benas, Solomon	Bystle, Daniel Potter
Akerly, Benjamin	Besse, John Nelson	Campbell, Doran Lucius
Alexander, John King	Binney, Andrew Jackson	Castleman, John Saxon
Allan, Erskine	Bishop, Amasa Wright	Caswell, Thomas Hubbard
Allan, John E	Black, Samuel Thorburn	Chalmers, Alexander
Anderson, James Wright	Blanchard, William Winfield	Charles, Abner Elias
Anthony, Edward Taylor	Boyd, John Walter	Claiborne, Gilbert Burnett
Ascroft, Henry	Bradford, William P	Clements, John
Ash, Robert	Bradford, Alex. Buchanan	Coglan, Charles Mortimer
Bangham, Eber Gaston	Bragg, Ansel Melen	Cohn, Louis
Barker, William	Brooks, Frank Howard	Coleman, Edward
Barnard, John Kirk	Broder, Robert Ohidley	Coleman, John Crisp
Barnes, Benjamin Wilcox	Brown, Josiah Perkins	Collis, Amos Myron
Bars, Frederick Ferdinand	Bryant, Allan	Crane, Lemuel Trescott
Beard, Elihu Burritt	Burke, Martin John	Crawford, Isaac Samuel
Begole, William Augustus	Burr, Richard Palmer	Crawford, James Seth
Bell, James	Bush, Charles Wilson	Cressey, Edward Potter
Bellamy, Benson Clark	Butcher, William Preston	Crocker, Nathan

Oulbertson, Albert Thom'a	Hiller, John N	Mehon, Morris
Cunningham, Rob't Gilmore	Hilton, Osgood	Menzies, Stewart
Cutler, Thomas Barnes	Hinds, Peter Richmond	Merrill, Nathaniel
Dailey, Morris Elmer	Hosmer, John Allen	Merritt, James Bester
Dallam, Joseph Swain	Hudson, William George	Miller, Allen Charles
Davis, William Buckley	Hudson, William Gordon	Moebus, Fred'k Wm. Gustav
Davis, William Henry	Hunnewell, Freeman	Moon, James
Dauchy, Arthur Homer	Hurley, John	Moore, William
Decatur, James Godfrey	Hutchings, Thomas Boyd	Munroe, George Hayes
Dickie, Albert Alexander	Hyman, Jacob, Jr.	Murphy, Charles Heary
Dietterle, George	Irwin, Alexander Cameron	Myrick, Milton Hills
Dobrowsky, Adolph	Irwin, Charles Fitzgerald	Nichols, Henry James
Donglas, William John	January, William Alex.	O'Donnell, Francis Henry E
Downie, William	Jellison, Benj. Franklin	Orme, Henry Sayre
Drullard, Thompson Wilson	Jones, Florin Leslie	Patton, Charles Lewis
Dundas, Moubray Robert	Kay, Wallace	Petrie, William Monroe
Dunn, Daniel C	Keller, Henry A	Pierce, William Frank
Eppinger, Herman	Kellogg, Oornelius	Prager, Samuel
Faulkner, Charles	Kennedy, George Edwin	Preuss, Edward Anthony
Flint, Thomas, Sr.	Kincade, John Thompson	Price, William Edmund
Flint, Thomas, Jr.	Kincaid, Isaac Philanson	Purdy, John Elbridge
Foy, Samuel Calvert	King, Charles James	Quire, Joseph Spencer
Fraser, Thomas	Kirkpatrick, John	Rackliffe, Levi
Gamble, William W	Knapp, Henry Hay	Raynes, Alonzo Emery
Gardner, Elias Delevan	Knapp, James Beede	Ready, Philip Francis
Garthwaite, Joseph Belton	Knight, George Horace	Ream, Daniel
Gaylord, Edward Everett	Knorp, Albert Frederick	Reed, Albert Levi
Gell, Samuel Franklin	Landrum, Carter	Bedpath, Robert
Giles, Frederick N	Last, Carl Fred'k Augustus	Richardson, Jerome Bonap'e
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